

Addenda
Minnetonka City Council Meeting
Meeting of July 13, 2020

ITEM 12A – Emergency ordinance regarding face coverings

- 1) The city attorney drafted an alternate version of the emergency ordinance. This alternate draft is attached.

- 2) Staff and council received correspondence after distribution of the packet. These emails and comments are attached



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TO: Mayor and city council
FROM: Corrine Heine, City Attorney
DATE: July 13, 2020
SUBJECT: Item 12, Emergency ordinance regarding face coverings

During a discussion last week with an assistant city attorney from Rochester, I learned that I had misinterpreted Rochester's face covering declaration. Like Edina's declaration, Rochester's declaration also extends to all indoor spaces open to the public, with modifications for specific business categories. The original staff report is incorrect, and I apologize for that error.

The draft ordinance prepared for the council's consideration is limited to specific business categories. That is a permissible approach. For example, the City of St. Paul declaration extends only to city properties and businesses that hold licenses from the city.

If the council wishes to take a more expansive approach, however, it seemed appropriate to have an alternate form of ordinance ready for the council's consideration. The attached form of ordinance is largely based on Edina's declaration, with the following modifications:

- Minnetonka's standard formatting for ordinances required some reorganization of content.
- Edina's declaration contains an exception for gyms and fitness centers. The draft ordinance encompasses those facilities, both because the city has received at least one request for facial coverings in fitness centers and because removing provisions at the council meeting is easier to accomplish than adding provisions.
- The exception for individuals speaking to an audience was left within the provision that is specific to indoor entertainment venues, because it seems unlikely that the situation would arise in other locations.
- The provision that is specific to city buildings was left in – Edina's city buildings are covered by a general category in the Edina declaration.
- The draft ordinance expands the list of exempted government buildings by adding political subdivisions of the state. For example, a watershed district building would be exempted, similar to a county, state or federal building.
- Edina's declaration provides that, to the extent of any "inconsistency" between Executive Order 20-74 and the Edina declaration, the executive order supersedes the local declaration. The proposed ordinance modifies that language by referring to "direct conflict" rather than "inconsistency." A copy of Executive Order 20-74 is attached.
- Like Edina's declaration, the proposed ordinance will terminate if the governor issues an order requiring face masks. However, the proposed ordinance does not require a statewide face mask requirement but only requires a state-issued mandate that includes Hennepin County. In some states, the governors have issued differing requirements for counties with fewer confirmed cases.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 20-74

Continuing to Safely Reopen Minnesota's Economy and Ensure Safe Non-Work Activities during the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present an unprecedented and rapidly evolving challenge to our State. Since the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic on March 11, 2020, confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota have rapidly increased. On March 15, 2020, Minnesota detected the first confirmed cases caused by “community spread”—infections not epidemiologically linked to overseas travel. By March 17, 2020, all fifty states had reported a confirmed case of COVID-19, and on March 21, 2020, the Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) announced the first confirmed fatality due to COVID-19 in Minnesota.

The President declared a national emergency related to COVID-19 on March 13, 2020. Since then, and for the first time in history, the President has approved major disaster declarations for all fifty states and the District of Columbia. In concert with these federal actions and the actions of states across the nation, Minnesota has taken proactive steps to ensure that we remain ahead of the curve. On March 13, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-01 and declared a peacetime emergency because this pandemic, an act of nature, endangers the lives of Minnesotans, and local resources were—and continue to be—inadequate to address the threat. After notifying the Legislature, on April 13, 2020 and again on May 13, 2020, I issued Executive Orders extending the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01.

The need to slow the spread of the virus required the closure of certain non-critical businesses in our economy. Although Minnesota's April unemployment rate was the second lowest in the country, over 700,000 Minnesotans have applied for unemployment insurance since March 16, 2020. In Executive Order 20-33, seeking to balance public health needs and economic considerations, we began planning to allow more Minnesota workers to safely return to work. We drafted guidelines and requirements for appropriate social distancing, hygiene, and public health best practices. Executive Order 20-38 expanded exemptions for outdoor recreational activities and facilities, and Executive Orders 20-40, 20-48, 20-56, and 20-63 allowed for the

gradual reopening of certain non-critical businesses that planned for and provided safe workplaces.

Our increased preparedness to treat those most vulnerable to COVID-19 allows us to continue slowly and safely reopening our economy in accordance with guidance from MDH, the Department of Employment and Economic Development (“DEED”), and the Department of Labor and Industry (“DLI”). Businesses reentering the economy must ensure compliance with the Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1973, Minnesota Statutes 2019, Chapter 182 (“Minnesota OSHA Standards”), in addition to guidelines related to COVID-19 set forth by MDH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“MDH and CDC Guidelines”).

Despite the progress we have made since declaring the COVID-19 peacetime emergency, certain establishments—including those in which people gather and linger, those with communal facilities, and those in which close physical contact is expected—continue to pose a public health risk. We continue to carefully consider and provide opportunities for such businesses to scale up their operations.

Likewise, certain non-work activities outside of the home are conducive to social distancing and hygiene, while others raise significant public health risks. Indoor activities pose higher risks than outdoor activities. Activities resulting in increased respiration rates pose higher risk than sedentary activities. Unpredictable settings are riskier than more predictable settings. Large social gatherings for extended time periods increase the risk of transmission between households. But the risks of transmission are diminished in transitory settings, such as retail establishments, where individual interactions and contact are more limited in duration.

In Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.02, the Minnesota Legislature conferred upon the Governor emergency powers to “(1) ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with disasters, (2) generally protect the public peace, health, and safety, and (3) preserve the lives and property of the people of the state.” Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.21, subdivision 1, the Governor has general authority to control the state’s emergency management as well as carry out the provisions of Minnesota’s Emergency Management Act.

Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.21, subdivision 3(7), authorizes the Governor to cooperate with federal and state agencies in “matters pertaining to the emergency management of the state and nation.” This includes “the direction or control of . . . the conduct of persons in the state, including entrance or exit from any stricken or threatened public place, occupancy of facilities, and . . . public meetings or gatherings.” Pursuant to subdivision 3 of that same section, the Governor may “make, amend, and rescind the necessary orders and rules to carry out the provisions” of Minnesota Statutes 2019, Chapter 12. When approved by the Executive Council and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, such orders and rules have the force and effect of law during the peacetime emergency. Any inconsistent rules or ordinances of any agency or political subdivision of the state are suspended during the pendency of the emergency

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. Executive Order 20-63 is rescinded as of Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

2. Paragraphs 6 through 8 of this Executive Order are effective as of Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 11:59 pm.
3. **Masks and face coverings strongly encouraged.** I strongly encourage all Minnesotans to wear a manufactured or homemade cloth face covering when they leave their homes and travel to any public setting where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (*e.g.*, grocery stores and pharmacies) and to follow face covering guidelines issued by MDH and the CDC until this Executive Order is rescinded. As set forth below, Minnesotans may be required to wear cloth face coverings in certain settings. Such face masks and coverings are for source control (to help limit the person wearing the covering from infecting others). They are not yet known to be protective of the wearer and therefore are not personal protective equipment.
4. **At-risk persons.** All persons currently living within the State of Minnesota who are at risk of severe illness from COVID-19, as defined by Executive Order 20-55, are strongly urged to stay at home or in their place of residence and follow the provisions of Executive Order 20-55.
5. **Definitions.**
 - a. “Home,” “homes,” “residence,” and “residences” are broadly defined to include mobile homes, hotels, motels, shared rental units, shelters, and similar facilities, to the extent they are used for lodging.
 - b. “Worker” and “workers” are broadly defined to include owners, proprietors, employees, contractors, vendors, volunteers, and interns.
 - c. “Business” and “businesses” are broadly defined to include entities that employ or engage workers, including private-sector entities, public-sector entities, non-profit entities, and state, county, and local governments.
 - d. “Critical Businesses” are all businesses whose workers qualified for a Critical Sector exemption under paragraph 6 of Executive Order 20-48.
 - e. “Non-Critical Businesses” are all businesses that are not Critical Businesses or Places of Public Accommodation.
 - f. “Place of Public Accommodation” means a business, or an educational, refreshment, entertainment, recreation facility, or an institution of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold, or otherwise made available to the public. Places of Public Accommodation include, but are not limited to, the businesses identified in paragraph 7.c of this Executive Order.
 - g. “Establishments Providing Personal Care Services” are broadly defined to include tanning establishments, body art establishments, tattoo parlors,

piercing parlors, businesses offering massage therapy or similar body work, spas, salons, nail salons, cosmetology salons, esthetician salons, advanced practice esthetician salons, eyelash salons, and barber shops. This includes, but is not limited to, all salons and shops licensed by the Minnesota Board of Cosmetologist Examiners and the Minnesota Board of Barber Examiners.

6. **Activities outside of the home.** Mindful that we must continue to limit social interactions to protect public health, individuals may leave their homes for activities, subject to the requirements and guidelines set forth below. These requirements may be clarified, as deemed necessary by the Governor, to ensure the health, safety, and security of all Minnesotans. Clarifications will be available for public review at the State’s COVID-19 website (<https://mn.gov/covid19/>).
 - a. **Guidelines.** Individuals engaging in activities outside of the home must follow the requirements of this Executive Order and MDH and CDC Guidelines. Individuals engaging in outdoor recreational activities must follow the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) and MDH guidelines on outdoor recreation for facilities and the public (“Outdoor Recreation Guidelines”) available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - b. **Unnecessary travel strongly discouraged.** Consistent with federal guidance and to protect our neighbors, Minnesotans are encouraged to stay close to home and are strongly discouraged from engaging in unnecessary travel.
 - c. **Social gatherings.** All indoor social gatherings of more than 10 people and all outdoor social gatherings of more than 25 people are prohibited, except as set forth below. Social gatherings are groups of individuals, who are not members of the same household, congregated together for a common or coordinated social, community, or leisure purpose—even if social distancing can be maintained. This prohibition includes planned and spontaneous gatherings as well as public and private gatherings. Prohibited gatherings do not include commercial activity by workers and customers of Critical and Non-Critical Businesses and Places of Public Accommodation.
 - i. **Legislative and other governmental meetings.** The limits on gatherings in this Executive Order do not apply to legislative and other governmental meetings. Remote meetings are strongly encouraged whenever possible as permitted by state or local authority.
 - ii. **The Judicial Branch.** The limits on gatherings in this Executive Order do not apply to proceedings held by the Minnesota Judicial Branch. Proceedings held by the Judicial Branch are subject to the policies established by the chief justice and will occur as directed by court order. Individuals may appear as directed by a Minnesota state court, including to serve as a juror, appear as a party, as a witness, or

as legal counsel on behalf of a party, or otherwise to comply as directed by a court order, subpoena, or summons.

- iii. **Federal activities.** Nothing in this Executive Order will be construed to limit, prohibit, or restrict in any way the operations of the federal government or the movement of federal officials in Minnesota while acting in their official capacity, including federal judicial, legislative, and executive staff and personnel.
- iv. **Drive-in gatherings.** To enable safe congregation of people, drive-in gatherings are permitted, provided that all participants remain within their own vehicles and follow the applicable guidance available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
- v. **Weddings, funerals, and services.** Places of worship, funeral homes, and other venues that offer gathering space for weddings, funerals, or planned services such as worship, rituals, prayer meetings, or scripture studies, may host such weddings, funerals, or services exceeding the limits set forth above, provided that they adhere to the following requirements:
 - A. In all settings, ensure a minimum of 6 feet of physical distancing between households.
 - B. In indoor settings, occupancy must not exceed 50 percent of the normal occupant capacity as determined by the fire marshal, with a maximum of 250 people in a single self-contained space.
 - C. In outdoor settings, gatherings must not exceed 250 individuals.
 - D. Develop and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with applicable guidance available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).

d. Tribal Activities and Lands.

- i. Activities by tribal members within the boundaries of their tribal reservations are exempt from the restrictions in this Executive Order but may be subject to restrictions by tribal authorities.
- ii. Activities within the boundaries of federal land held in trust for one of the 11 Minnesota Tribal Nations are exempt from the restrictions in this Executive Order but may be subject to restrictions by tribal authorities.

- iii. Activities by tribal members to exercise their federal treaty rights within the boundaries of their treaty territory (also known as “ceded territory”) are exempt from the restrictions in this Executive Order but may be subject to restrictions by applicable tribal authorities.
 - iv. Tribal members may travel to and from their tribal reservations in accordance with applicable tribal law.
7. **Workers and businesses.** Workers and businesses are subject to the requirements set forth below. These requirements may be clarified, as deemed necessary by the Governor, to ensure the health, safety, and security of all Minnesotans. Clarifications will be available for public review at the State’s COVID-19 website (<https://mn.gov/covid19/>).
- a. **Continue to work from home whenever possible.** Any worker who can work from home must do so.
 - b. **Safe work.** The protections noted in Executive Order 20-54 (Protecting Workers from Unsafe Working Conditions and Retaliation) remain in full force and effect. All work must be conducted in a manner that adheres to Minnesota OSHA Standards and MDH and CDC Guidelines, including social distancing and hygiene practices. Under existing law and authority, DLI may issue citations, civil penalties, or closure orders to places of employment with unsafe or unhealthy conditions, and DLI may penalize businesses that retaliate against employees who raise safety and health concerns.
 - c. **Places of Public Accommodation.** Places of Public Accommodation are subject to the following requirements and limitations:
 - i. **All Places of Public Accommodation remaining open or opening under this Executive Order must adhere to the requirements set forth in paragraph 7.e of this order,** including development and implementation of a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with applicable guidance available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - ii. For the purposes of this Executive Order, the following establishments and facilities are not Places of Public Accommodation:
 - A. Establishments and facilities that offer food and beverage not for on-premises consumption, including grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries, other than those portions of the Place of Public Accommodation otherwise subject to the requirements of this paragraph 7.c.

- B. Health care facilities, child care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities.
 - C. Crisis shelters, soup kitchens, or similar institutions.
 - D. Restaurants and food courts inside the secured zones of airports.
- iii. Places of Public Accommodation, which would otherwise be subject to the restrictions in this Executive Order, may be exempted from such restrictions if they have been repurposed to exclusively provide services permitted under paragraph 7.c.ii.
- iv. Places of Public Accommodation subject to this Executive Order are encouraged to offer food and beverage using delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing.
- v. Barbershops, salons, and other Establishments Providing Personal Care Services may be open. Occupancy must not exceed 50 percent of the normal occupant capacity as determined by the fire marshal, with a maximum of 250 people in a single self-contained space. Workers, customers, and clients must follow face-covering requirements as set forth in the applicable guidance available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
- vi. Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, bars, taverns, brewer taprooms, micro distiller cocktail rooms, farm wineries, craft wineries, cideries, golf courses and clubs, dining clubs tobacco product shops, and other Places of Public Accommodation offering food, beverages (including alcoholic beverages), or tobacco products for on-premises consumption, may provide indoor and outdoor service, provided that they adhere to the following requirements:
 - A. Occupancy of any indoor space must not exceed 50 percent of the normal occupant capacity as determined by the fire marshal, with a maximum of 250 people in a single self-contained space.
 - B. Occupancy of any outdoor space must ensure that the number of customers at any one time is limited to the number for whom physical distancing of 6 feet can be maintained between tables, not to exceed 250 people.

- C. Workers and customers must follow face-covering requirements as set forth in the applicable guidance available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - D. All establishments must follow applicable state and local laws and regulations. Local governments are encouraged to work collaboratively with establishments to allow for outdoor service.
 - E. The capacity limitation on indoor activity extends to the sale and play of lawful games as provided under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 349.12. This does not include outdoor and on-premises sale and play.
 - F. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 349.12, subdivision 3a, veterans or fraternal organizations may lend gambling funds to their general fund accounts for up to one year to pay for allowable expenses necessary to reopen such organizations' permitted premises as set forth in the guidance available at the Gambling Control Board's website (<https://mn.gov/gcb/>).
- vii. Indoor and outdoor pools may open to the general public only in accordance with industry guidance available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - viii. Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor and outdoor sports facilities, indoor climbing facilities, trampoline parks indoor and outdoor exercise facilities, and exercise studios may open to the general public only in accordance with industry guidance available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - ix. Venues providing indoor events, entertainment, or recreation such as theaters, cinemas, concert halls, museums, performance venues, stadiums, arcades, and bowling alleys may open to the general public only in accordance with industry guidance available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - x. Venues (including racetracks) providing outdoor events, entertainment, or recreation, paintball, go-karts, mini-golf, and amusement parks may open to the general public only in accordance with industry guidance available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
- d. **Critical Businesses.** Businesses whose workers qualified for a Critical Sector exemption under paragraph 6 of Executive Order 20-48 may continue to operate in the same manner as provided in Executive Order 20-48.

- i. Beginning on June 29, 2020, all Critical Businesses must have developed and implemented a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan as set forth in paragraph 7.e of this Executive Order and in accordance with the industry guidance currently posted to the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>) and any additional applicable industry guidance that will be posted to the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>) on or before June 15, 2020 as provided in paragraph 7.d.ii of this Executive Order.
 - ii. In consultation with relevant agencies, the Commissioners of Health, Employment and Economic Development, and Labor and Industry are directed to prepare and publish additional industry guidance for Critical Businesses, as necessary, no later than June 15, 2020. All such guidance will be posted to the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - iii. For state licensed or state certified Critical Businesses that are operating under and adhering to existing policies and procedures or requirements related to health and safety, including requirements to establish and implement COVID-19 Preparedness Plans, state agencies are directed to develop guidance and template addendum plans that address unique risks and hazards of COVID-19 for their operations. Relevant agencies must publish such guidance no later than June 15, 2020. All such guidance will be posted to the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
- e. **Non-Critical Businesses.** If it has not done so already, a Non-Critical Business choosing to open or remain open must establish and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan (“Plan”). Each Plan must provide for the business’s implementation of guidance for their specific industry or, if there is no specific guidance, general guidance for all businesses, as well as Minnesota OSHA Standards and MDH and CDC Guidelines in their workplaces. These requirements are set forth in guidance (“Plan Guidance”) available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
- i. **Required Plan content.** As set forth in the Plan Guidance, at a minimum, each Plan must adequately address the following areas:
 - A. **Require work from home whenever possible.** All Plans must ensure that all workers who can work from home continue to do so.
 - B. **Ensure that sick workers stay home.** All Plans must establish policies and procedures, including health screenings, that prevent sick workers from entering the workplace.

- C. **Social distancing.** All Plans must establish social distancing policies and procedures.
 - D. **Worker hygiene and source control.** All Plans must establish hygiene and source control policies for workers.
 - E. **Cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation protocols.** All Plans must establish cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation protocols for areas within the workplace.
- ii. **Customer facing businesses.** All Non-Critical Businesses that are customer facing (*i.e.*, businesses that have in-person customer interactions) must include additional Plan provisions to keep the public and workers safe as set forth in the applicable guidance available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>). This includes requirements that workers and customers must maintain physical distancing of 6 feet and that store occupancy must not exceed limits set forth in the guidance. In customer facing businesses that share common areas, such as malls, all Plans must similarly include a facility occupancy that must not exceed the limits set forth in the guidance and provide an enhanced sanitizing, cleaning, and disinfecting regimen consistent with Minnesota OSHA Standards and MDH and CDC Guidelines for those common areas. All Plans must also include signage in common areas to discourage congregating.
 - iii. **Household services businesses.** All Non-Critical Businesses that provide household services (*e.g.*, housecleaning, maid services, and piano tuners) must also develop Plan provisions intended to keep customers and workers safe as set forth in the applicable guidance available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - iv. **Optional template.** A template COVID-19 Preparedness Plan, which covers the above requirements, is available as part of the Plan Guidance, available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>).
 - v. **Certification and signature.** Senior management responsible for implementing the Plan must sign and certify the Plan, affirming their commitment to implement and follow the Plan.
 - vi. **Dissemination and posting.** Each Non-Critical Business must provide its Plan, in writing, to all workers, and the Plan must be posted at all of the business's workplaces in locations that will allow for the Plan to be readily reviewed by all workers. Where physical posting is impracticable, the Plan can be posted electronically, provided that the Plan is received by all workers and remains available for their review.

- vii. **Training.** Each Non-Critical Business must ensure that training is provided to workers on the contents of its Plan and required procedures, so that all workers understand and are able to perform the precautions necessary to protect themselves and their co-workers. This training should be easy to understand and available in the appropriate language and literacy level for all workers. Businesses should also take steps to supervise workers and ensure that workers understand and adhere to necessary precautions to prevent COVID-19 transmission. Documentation demonstrating compliance with this training requirement must be maintained and made available to regulatory authorities and public safety officers, including DLI, upon request.
 - viii. **Compliance.** Workers and management must work together to ensure compliance with the Plan, implement all protocols, policies, and procedures, and create a safe and healthy work environment.
 - ix. **Availability to regulatory authorities and public safety officers.** Non-Critical Businesses do not need to submit their Plans for preapproval. Upon request, Non-Critical Businesses must make their Plans available to regulatory authorities and public safety officers, including DLI.
 - x. In the event of a complaint or dispute related to a Non-Critical Business's Plan, DLI is authorized to determine whether the Plan adequately implements the applicable guidance, Minnesota OSHA Standards and MDH and CDC Guidelines in its workplaces.
- f. **Youth Programs.** This Executive Order intends to allow as many summer programs for youth as can safely be provided. Youth Programs intending to operate must do so in accordance with the following requirements:
- i. "Youth Programs" means programs providing care or enrichment to children or adolescents such as day camps, summer activities, and recreational or educational classes that require registration and have on-site supervision. "Youth Programs" does not include licensed child care facilities or school-district summer learning programs.
 - ii. Youth Programs must adhere to the requirements set forth in paragraph 7.e of this Executive Order, including development and implementation of a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with guidance for youth and student programs available on MDH's website (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/>). COVID-19 Preparedness Plans must be distributed, available for review, and followed by participants and their parents or guardians.
 - iii. Youth Programs must comply with any public health restrictions implemented by the manager or owner of property or facilities used by

the program, including any restrictions set by school districts on the use of their facilities, and adhere to guidance for youth and student programs available on MDH's website (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/>).

- g. **Organized Youth Sports.** Organized Youth Sports organizations and programs intending to operate must do so in accordance with the following requirements:
- i. “Organized Youth Sports” means any sports activity, where participants are children or adolescents, organized by an entity, association, club, or organization providing for registration of participants and oversight on a regular basis for a defined period of time. Sports activities within this definition include all sports offered by the Minnesota State High School League as well as dance, cheerleading, and other sports traditionally offered by supplemental associations or organizations.
 - ii. Entities, associations, organizations, and clubs that provide Organized Youth Sports must adhere to the requirements set forth in paragraph 7.e of this Executive Order, including development and implementation of a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with applicable guidance for youth sports available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>). COVID-19 Preparedness Plans must be distributed and available for review by participants and their parents or guardians.
 - iii. Entities, associations, organizations, and clubs that provide Organized Youth Sports must ensure that all trainers and coaches understand and follow their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and related guidance.
 - iv. Indoor or outdoor facilities that support Organized Youth Sports must also adhere to the requirements set forth in paragraph 7.e of this Executive Order, including development and implementation of a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with applicable guidance for youth sports available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>). COVID-19 Preparedness Plans must be distributed to, available for review, and followed by entities, associations, organizations, and clubs that provide Organized Youth Sports.
- h. **Organized Adult Sports.** Organized Adult Sports organizations and programs intending to operate must do so in accordance with the following requirements:
- i. “Organized Adult Sports” means any sports activity, where participants are adults, organized by an entity, association, club, or

organization providing for registration of participants and oversight on a regular basis for a defined period of time.

- ii. Entities, associations, organizations, and clubs that provide Organized Adult Sports must adhere to the requirements set forth in paragraph 7.e of this Executive Order, including development and implementation of a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with applicable guidance for adult sports available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>). COVID-19 Preparedness Plans must be distributed and available for review by participants or guardians.
 - iii. Entities, associations, organizations, and clubs that provide Organized Adult Sports must ensure that all trainers and coaches understand their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and related guidance.
 - iv. Indoor or outdoor facilities that support Organized Adult Sports must also adhere to the requirements set forth in paragraph 7.e of this Executive Order, including the development and implementation of a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with applicable guidance for adult sports available on the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>). COVID-19 Preparedness Plans must be distributed to, available for review, and followed by entities, associations, organizations, and clubs that provide Organized Adult Sports
- i. **Higher education institutions.** To the extent higher education classes cannot be provided through distance learning, higher education institutions, in consultation with their governing boards, the Office of Higher Education (“OHE”), and MDH, may offer in-person classes or activities consisting of no more than 25 people. Education and training programs not registered or licensed with OHE or part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or University of Minnesota systems must follow the guidance provided by the state agency or board under which they are authorized to operate.
- i. **Higher education definitions.** For the purposes of paragraph 7.i of this Executive Order:
 - A. “Higher education institution” means all post-secondary institutions, including but not limited to institutions licensed and registered with the OHE, with a physical campus in the State.
 - B. “Staff and instructors” means all employees, contractors, and volunteers of a higher education institution, including but not limited to janitorial and cleaning professionals, secretarial and administrative professionals, instructors, instructor assistants,

researchers, research assistants, graduate assistants, faculty, and administrators.

C. “Students” means any person enrolled at a higher education institution.

D. “Activities” includes, but is not limited to, testing, short-term training programs, student services, advising, internships, clinical rotations/placements, customized training, internships, campus visits, programs, credit and non-credit classes, and all research activities and functions.

ii. **Requirements for higher education institutions.** Institutions of higher education should continue to establish and implement a higher education institution COVID-19 Preparedness Plan (“Higher Ed Plan”). Each Higher Ed Plan must provide for implementation of Minnesota OSHA Standards and MDH and CDC Guidelines in classrooms, labs, or other areas that students and staff may visit. Such requirements, which are adaptable to higher education institutions, are set forth in the general guidance available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>) and other applicable guidelines.

A. **Required Higher Ed Plan content.** As set forth in the Plan Guidance, at a minimum, each Higher Ed Plan must adequately address the following areas:

1. **Require distance learning wherever possible.** Each Higher Ed Plan must require that distance learning continues for all students when possible. If in-person indoor or outdoor activities are required, such activities must be subject to limitations set forth by relevant OHE and MDH guidance.
2. **Ensure that sick students and institution staff and instructors stay home.** Each Higher Ed Plan must establish policies and procedures, including health screenings, that prevent sick students or institution staff and instructors from entering the institution for in-person or on-site activities.
3. **Social distancing.** Each Higher Ed Plan must implement social distancing policies and procedures set forth by the CDC and MDH. Such Plans must also include signage in common areas to discourage gathering. Each Higher Ed Plan should encourage all students, visitors, staff, and instructors to wear masks or face coverings.

- g. Off-highway vehicles, snowmobiles, and watercraft repair shops, sales facilities, and showrooms.
 - h. Lake service providers to install, repair, and remove docks, boatlifts, and other water related equipment or deliver boats.
 - i. Bait and tackle shops.
 - j. Outdoor shooting ranges and game farms.
 - k. Outdoor recreational equipment rental outlets. Equipment may be rented but only if the equipment can be effectively sanitized between uses. Such outlets must implement clear check-in and check-out procedures that minimize contact between customers and workers. Any rentals must be conducted in accordance with the Outdoor Recreation Guidelines.
 - l. Dispersed and remote camping sites in accordance with the Outdoor Recreation Guidelines. A dispersed campsite is a single campsite, not in a developed campground, used for overnight camping. A remote campsite is a designated backpack or watercraft campsite, not in a developed campground, used for overnight camping.
 - m. Public and private campgrounds that have adopted a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with the Guidance for Campgrounds website (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/safely-opening-outdoor-recreation.html>).
 - n. Charter boats and launches that have adopted a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in accordance with Guidance for Charter and Launch Boats website (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aboutdnr/safely-opening-outdoor-recreation.html>).
 - o. Outdoor tournaments, competitions, practices, and sports that allow for social distancing, that do not require gatherings prohibited by paragraph 6.c, and that adhere to the Outdoor Recreation Guidelines. This paragraph does not apply to activities covered by paragraphs 7.f through 7.h.
 - p. Guided and instructional activities such as guided fishing or birding that do not require gatherings prohibited by paragraph 6.c, adhere to social distancing requirements, and are conducted in accordance with the Outdoor Recreation Guidelines. This paragraph does not apply to activities covered by paragraphs 7.c.vii or 7.f.
 - q. Any other outdoor recreation activities and facilities that may be designated in the Outdoor Recreation Guidelines.
9. **Respect for workers.** Minnesotans must respect the efforts of employers and businesses to protect the safety of their workers and customers by complying with

those businesses' social distancing and hygiene instructions. Employers and businesses must post social distancing and hygiene instructions at entrances and in locations that can be easily seen by customers and visitors.

10. **Enhanced local measures permitted.** Nothing in this Executive Order or previous Executive Orders should be construed to prohibit or prevent political subdivisions from implementing, within their jurisdictions and pursuant to applicable law and authority, restrictions beyond the restrictions contained in this Executive Order, as long as those additional restrictions have a real or substantial relation to the public health crisis caused by COVID-19. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.32, political subdivisions may not relax or reduce this Executive Order's restrictions. In other words, to the extent that they have authority to do so, cities and other political subdivisions may take actions that are more protective of the public health but may not take actions that are less protective of the public health.
11. **Enforcement.** I urge all Minnesotans to voluntarily comply with this Executive Order. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.45, an individual who willfully violates this Executive Order is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days. Any business owner, manager, or supervisor who requires or encourages any of their employees, contractors, vendors, volunteers, or interns to violate this Executive Order is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and upon conviction must be punished by a fine not to exceed \$3,000 or by imprisonment for not more than a year. In addition to those criminal penalties, the Attorney General, as well as city and county attorneys, may seek any civil relief available pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 8.31, for violations of this Executive Order, including civil penalties up to \$25,000 per occurrence from businesses and injunctive relief. State and local licensing and regulatory entities that inspect businesses for compliance with rules and codes to protect the public are encouraged to assess regulated businesses' compliance with this Executive Order and use existing enforcement tools to bring businesses into compliance. Nothing in this Executive Order is intended to encourage or allow law enforcement to transgress individual constitutional rights.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and section 12.32, this Executive Order is effective immediately upon approval by the Executive Council. It remains in effect until the peacetime emergency declared in Executive Order 20-01 is terminated or until it is rescinded by proper authority.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on June 5, 2020.



Tim Walz
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Steve Simon
Secretary of State

Approved by the Executive Council on June 5, 2020:



Alice Roberts-Davis
Secretary, Executive Council

Filed June 5, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, by the Executive Council of the State of Minnesota, at its emergency meeting on June 5, 2020, that it approves Emergency Executive Order 20-74 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 12.31 and 12.32.

Continuing to Safely Reopen Minnesota's Economy and Ensure Safe Non-Work Activities during the COVID-19 Peacetime Emergency.

Approved by Executive Council

DATE: June 05, 2020

BY: *A Roberts Davis*

Filed June 5, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Steve Simon

Ordinance No. 2020-__

An emergency ordinance relating to face covering requirements within specified indoor spaces within the city

The City of Minnetonka Ordains:

Section 1. Preamble

Since March 16, 2020, the City of Minnetonka has been under a local state of peacetime emergency, due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. The conditions that gave rise to the state of emergency continue to exist. The United States now leads the world in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases, and in some parts of the United States, the number of confirmed cases is surging, posing a threat to the response capabilities of health care facilities. Growing scientific evidence indicates that the wearing of face coverings in public significantly reduces the risk of infection from the coronavirus. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Mayo Clinic, and Governor Tim Walz have all urged the use of face masks as a measure to reduce or prevent the spread of COVID-19. This emergency ordinance is adopted in response to the emergency and in accordance with Section 3.07 of the City Charter and Section 900 of the City Code to protect the public safety, health and welfare.

Section 2. Findings

The Minnetonka City Council makes the following findings:

- 2.01 The COVID-19 disease presents a serious health risk to the residents of Minnetonka. As of July 8, 2020, there have been 3,048,072 confirmed cases in the United States, resulting in 133,322 deaths, 39,133 confirmed cases in Minnesota, resulting in 1,511 deaths, 12,597 confirmed cases in Hennepin County, resulting in 787 deaths, and 214 confirmed cases in Minnetonka resulting in 28 deaths.
- 2.02 Scientific studies suggest that wearing face coverings significantly reduces the risk of infection from the coronavirus and that face-covering mandates could save hundreds of thousands of lives in the United States.
- 2.03 On June 28, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued the following guidance on face covering use:
 1. CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings and when around people who do not live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
 2. Cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.
 3. Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings.
 4. Cloth face coverings should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

- 2.04 Many businesses in the city already require face coverings for employees and customers, and others have indicated that they would also if the local jurisdiction requires it.
- 2.05 The primary benefit of most face coverings is that it reduces the spread of infection by the wearer to others. Because many persons infected with the coronavirus may be asymptomatic or presymptomatic, without any reason to know that they have the disease, a face-covering requirement protects the health of others, such as business employees who provide essential services to the public.
- 2.06 Businesses are adversely impacted when employees become infected or must be quarantined due to an exposure. Employee illness can result in temporary closure of some businesses. Reducing the rate of employee illness provides an economic benefit to individual businesses and to the economy as a whole. The state encourages businesses to “Stay Safe to Stay Open.”
- 2.07 This ordinance is enacted for the purpose of protecting the public health, promoting the local economy, minimizing the need for future reclosing based on public health, and reducing the demand that COVID-19 cases place upon the healthcare system.

Section 3. Face covering requirement

3.01 Definitions

1. For purposes of this ordinance “face covering” means a manufactured or homemade cloth covering that fully covers an individual’s nose and mouth. The terms “mask” and “face covering” are synonymous.
2. For purposes of this ordinance, a “space of public accommodation” means a business, refreshment, entertainment or recreation facility, or an institution of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations are extended, offered, sold or otherwise made available to the public. Examples include retail stores, rental establishments, city-owned buildings, and service establishments as well as recreational facilities, and service centers. This definition includes establishments and facilities that offer food and beverage not for on-premises consumption, including grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and food pantries.

3.02 Except as exempted by section 3.04 of this ordinance, all individuals must wear a face covering in indoor areas accessible to the public within the city of Minnetonka. Specific to the face covering mandate in this section 3.02, the following shall also apply:

1. Restaurants and bars must include the requirements of this ordinance in their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

2. Spaces of public accommodation. Owners and managers of spaces of public accommodation must include in their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan that all employees wear a face covering when the individual is within any area open to the public or within six feet of another person. Customers are required to wear a face covering before entering and until exiting.
3. Gyms, fitness centers and sports facilities, including city-owned sports facilities. Employees, staff, participants and spectators are required to wear a face covering at all times when the individual is indoors and within six feet of another person. Face masks are not required for an individual while actively participating in permitted athletic activities. Businesses must include the requirements of this ordinance in their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.
4. Indoor entertainment venues, including movie theaters. All employees and customers must wear face coverings when inside the entertainment venue and not seated in their assigned seat; individuals speaking to an audience are not required to wear a mask while speaking, as long as the speaker remains six feet or more away from other individuals. All indoor entertainment venues must include the requirements of this ordinance in their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.
5. Common spaces in multi-family residential and multi-tenant office buildings. Residents of multi-family housing building and their guests, and tenants and employees in multi-tenant office buildings and their guests, shall wear a face covering when in common spaces such as hallways, corridors, lobbies, restrooms, mail rooms, elevators, trash and recycling rooms, fitness rooms, recreation rooms, laundry rooms and other space owned and used in common by the residents, employees and tenants of the building; except, that an individual within a fitness center is not required to wear a mask while actively participating in permitted athletic activities.
6. City buildings. City employees and all other individuals must wear face coverings within those portions of city-owned buildings that are open to the general public. This paragraph does not apply to city-owned facilities that are otherwise covered by paragraph 3 above.

3.03 Other requirements:

1. Except for facilities exempted by section 3.04 of this ordinance, all employers of businesses that are spaces of public accommodation, as defined by this ordinance, shall require their employees to wear a face covering whenever such employees have face-to-face contact with the public, unless other physical barriers are in place or at least six feet of separation is maintained according to CDC guidelines.

2. Owners or managers of property subject to this ordinance shall post written notice at all points used by the public to access the property, notifying the public that face coverings are required.

3.04 Exemptions. The following locations and individuals are exempted from this ordinance:

1. Facilities operated by the county, state or federal government or a political subdivision of the state of Minnesota.
2. Personal care services/salons that already have state face covering requirements.
3. Children five (5) years of age and under.
4. Individuals actively eating or drinking.
5. Individuals temporarily removing the face covering for identification purposes.
6. Individuals unable to wear a mask due to medical, disability or developmental reasons.
7. Individuals unable to remove their face covering without assistance.
8. Individuals speaking to someone who is deaf or hard of hearing and requires the mouth to be visible to communicate effectively.
9. Participants in youth sports activities.
10. Places of worship.
11. Public and private school facilities.

3.05 Enforcement.

1. Any individual who fails to comply with this ordinance must be asked to leave by an authorized representative of the business or organization. If the individual continues to refuse to leave, law enforcement may enforce trespassing laws or any other law the individual may violate. Businesses and organizations may rely on an individual's statements if they claim to be exempt from the ordinance due to medical, disability, or developmental reasons.
2. An individual's subsequent failure to comply with this ordinance may be subject to the penalty provisions of Sec. 900.055, which provides that violation of an emergency regulation adopted by the city council is a misdemeanor offense.

3. Any business violating this ordinance shall be subject to administrative action for any licenses they possess with the city.

Section 4. Recommendations

1. The requirement in this Order that face-coverings be worn in certain circumstances is intended to add to (and not substitute for) other practices (such as hand washing, staying home when sick, and maintaining appropriate physical distancing of at least six feet) as recommended by public health officials to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
2. It is recommended that any individual cover their nose and mouth with a mask or a cloth face covering when physical distancing standards or at least six feet of separation cannot be maintained among all individuals in accordance with CDC guidelines when in outdoor spaces.
3. Businesses and organizations are encouraged to provide masks for customers at no or nominal cost.

Section 5. Enforcement

This emergency ordinance supersedes inconsistent or conflicting provisions of the City Code and any resolution or ordinance while this emergency ordinance remains in effect. To the extent that this ordinance directly conflicts with Emergency Executive Order 20-74 of Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the language of Emergency Executive Order 20-74 shall take precedence.

Section 6. Duration

This emergency ordinance is effective as of 11:59 p.m. on July __, 2020. The ordinance will expire on the earliest of:

1. Sixty-one (61) days after its effective date;
2. Upon the expiration of the local emergency to which it relates;
3. Upon the issuance of an executive order by Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz that mandates the wearing of face coverings for any geographic area that includes Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Adopted by the city council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, on July __, 2020.

Brad Wiersum, Mayor

Attest:

Becky Koosman, City Clerk

Action on this Ordinance:

Date of introduction: Not applicable

Date of adoption:

Motion for adoption:

Seconded by:

Voted in favor of:

Voted against:

Abstained:

Absent:

Ordinance adopted.

Date of publication:

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the city council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, at a meeting held on

Becky Koosman, City Clerk

From: [Amanda Hoehne](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Stop pursuing face mask ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:03:10 PM

Please allow citizens and those who visit Minnetonka to CHOOSE for him/herself whether or not to wear a face mask.

Amanda Hoehne
3620 Ximines Lane N, Plymouth



Bradley Schaeppi @BradSchaeppi · 3h

Please share your feedback!

City of Minnetonka @MinnetonkaMN · 3h

At Monday's meeting, the #Minnetonka City Council will consider several options regarding the use of face masks to protect against COVID-19. Learn more, including how to watch the meeting and provide comment: bit.ly/2W1MHTy



Aaron Sandstrom @MNStrom · 2h

Thank you for soliciting feedback. I'm a Ward 3 resident. I urge you to support option 3 vs. delaying a decision or passing responsibility to businesses. The science is clear, but the info campaigns are not driving mask adherence quickly enough.



From: [Al Sussman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: We favor requiring face masks indoors or within six feet of others
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:12:08 AM

It's such a small "sacrifice" for the health and welfare of our community. Wearing masks works – just ask Asian countries who have lived through similar outbreaks several times. Don't put businesses in the position of trying to enforce a "recommendation".

If a mask requirement drives business away, so be it. But we might just attract business. Given a choice between shopping at a store in a community that does not require masks, and driving an extra 5 minutes to Minnetonka, there will be people who make the drive to avoid possible exposure.

Al and Vicki Sussman
12211 Orchard Ave W
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Meeting regarding face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:18:51 AM

To whom it may concern,

It is my wish as a citizen of Minnetonka to voice my opinion about face masks. It is my wish that option one continue to stay in place. The evidence that masks are effective is so little and it has not been thoroughly studied to my knowledge. I do not feel it is the right of the government leaders to make it mandatory for the residents of Minnetonka to wear a face mask. This should be a personal choice to keep ones own self safe. Enough safety measures are already in place. It is the citizens responsibility to keep themselves healthy and it is not the choice of the government to put these measures in place. Some people may have great fear of wearing a mask. Others like myself, don't feel the threat is great enough to wear a mask when performing every day errands that I have performed my entire adult life. We have been living amongst other illnesses that have caused the same threat to us our entire lives. Where will it stop? Where will the regulations end? Please do not require Minnetonka citizens to wear a mask in public. We should be left with the freedoms we have always had and forcing us to do something such as this is un-American. Let people make decisions for themselves. Most people like myself, will wear them, but I do not see a point in making them mandatory. Compromising with both sides of the "great mask debate" would be to continue to HIGHLY ENCOURAGE citizens to wear a mask and educate us as to why, but not enforcing everyone to wear one.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion. I hope it won't go unheard.

Kindly,

Ali Cramblit
4836 Ridge Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Ali Lee-O'Halloran](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks- City Council Mtg 7/13/2020
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:51:54 AM

To The Mtkka City Council Members and Mayor:

I am a resident of Minnetonka and my children are in Mtkka public schools. I am also a health professional. I'm writing in strong support for a city mandate to wear masks at all times when out of one's personal home.

It is true that we are in unprecedented times. However, we have long understood the concept of infectious transmission and it is common sense to recognize that utilizing basic infection control measures will help prevent the spread of this particularly insidious coronavirus. This is not a political issue, nor is it an infringement of freedom or rights; it is a straightforward public health problem. To insist otherwise or not mandate masks will result in more illness. As public servants, I ask the Council and Mayor to execute the responsibility that these respective offices hold: Uphold the safety, wellbeing, and vibrancy of the Minnetonka community.

I am responsible for the welfare of 2 high risk individuals in my family. There are many other families in Minnetonka who are also coping with the difficulties of protecting high risk family members. All of us in the city should be concerned about inadvertently spreading this virus to others for this should be a basic social covenant among those who choose to live amidst others. We are a community and we need to come together around this issue.

If we have any hope of opening schools, we have to mandate masks. It is catastrophic to imagine our school hallways of teachers, administrators, and students if we were not to adhere to strict masking policies. The inconvenience of masking pales against the backdrop of increased illnesses and and deaths. Please vote to mandate masks in our community.

Respectfully,

Ali Lee-O'Halloran
17530 Creek Ridge Pass
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Alicia Silver](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask comment
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:43:16 AM

Hello,

I am a resident of Minnetonka and have been for almost 20 years. Please establish and enforce a mandatory face mask ordinance for our city. This is about public safety and public health.

Thank you,

Alicia Silver, MPP
11925 St. Albans Hollow Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Allison Stolz](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:55:24 PM

Hello,

I am a Minnetonka physician, and I support mandatory masks indoors.

Thank you,

Allison Stolz MD
3540 Croftview Terrace
Minnetonka 55345

From: [Amy Morsman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:24:55 PM

Hello,


We are three Minnetonka voters and we support a mask requirement for indoor public and commercial spaces in Minnetonka. Thank you

Amy Morsman
Jeff Morsman
Tommy Morsman
3305 Hazelwood West
Minnetonka

From: [Amy Stern](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance comment
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:36:34 AM

I am in favor of option 3 for required masks indoors and within six feet of others.

Amy Stern
4416 Camelot Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Managing Director of Research and Strategy
BI WORLDWIDE


From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please require our city to wear masks.
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:17:40 PM

Thank you for your work on behalf of the City of Minnetonka. Please make masks mandatory. Thank you.

Amy Zaroff
Founder/Creative Director
Amy Zaroff Events + Design
Direct Dial: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

www.amyzaroff.com

11267 Overlook Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Susan and Andrew Baumel](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:58:26 PM

Hello,

We feel mandatory masks would be beneficial to our Minnetonka community and a law requiring masks in all public businesses and buildings would be appreciated by the majority of our community! Please consider mandatory masks in Minnetonka!

Thank you,

Andrew and Susan Baumel
14421 Woodruff Circle
Wayzata, MN 55391

From: [Andrew Jacobson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:52:24 PM

Drew Jacobson 5237 Oak Drive

Why was there even a narrative against wearing masks? Wanting to save masks for the frontline workers is one thing, having common sense is another. Please ask yourself this simple question, would you rather have people cough at you (or your produce) with a mask or without a mask? It's common sense.

From: [Andrew Kalman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:40:04 PM

I am against a mandatory Minnetonka mask law or executive action.

Thank you,

Andrew Kalman
13933 Oakland Pl
55305



From: [Andrew SanGiacomo](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask opinion
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:59:27 PM

Dear Minnetonka City Council-

Thank you for seeking opinions from the community regarding mask wearing.

I support option #1, do not require individuals or businesses to wear masks.

By observing mask wearers over the last couple months, I've noticed improper wearing of masks—below noses, being pulled down, constantly being touched. As an manufacturing operations leader, I enforced a mask wearing policy at my own company for my more than 75 staff members throughout the month of May. After a month of observing this practice, I came to the conclusion that due to persistence in dangerous masking practices despite training and constant reminders, it was better for the safety of our staff to abandon a mandatory mask policy and focus instead on social distancing and hand washing.

Weeks after discontinuing the mask wearing policy, one of our employees received a positive Covid test. No other staff working with that person additionally developed Covid symptoms or positive test results. To me this is a small example of the benefit of prevention measures other than masking.

I feel it is extremely important for both individuals and businesses to have the freedom to make their own decisions regarding masking. Please do not mandate city-wide masking.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrew San Giacomo
13301 Windyhill Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Angela Daley](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask meeting
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:57:45 PM

My family of 3 would like mandatory mask requirement inside any business.
We are already doing this and have been for months.

Angela Daugherty
5217 birch rd
Minnetonka MN 55345

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: No - to mandate masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:32:19 PM

As a healthcare professional I inquire against mandate masks use. None of the mask offered are medically rated and may provide false sense of security. Those who feel unsafe of being in community should remain socially distance or purchase and wear a medically graded masks. I pay too much in taxes in Minnetonka to have my freedom rights taken away. NO to madated masking !

Thank you,
Ania Wheelock

From: [Ann Pearson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: No Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:06:42 AM

For the love!!! Quit taking our rights away!!! I am so sick and tired of this government making my choices!
I have done my own research and have found masks to be more harmful than good.
The numbers are going down, there is no reason to keep this narrative going!
We have been kept captive long enough!
NO MASKS!!!!!!

Ann Pearson
3711 Cardinal Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:53:13 AM

I am strongly in favor of option 3

Antony Kirk
11912 Live Oak Dr
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:54:43 AM

I'm 100% for requiring face masks in public.

Arlene Bates
14200 Council Circle
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Arnold Peeders](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:48:32 AM

Hi,

I think the city should go with option #3 regarding face masks. I'm in my 70s, have an underlying medical condition and wear a face mask whenever I go out.

I feel strongly about NOT approving option #2. Putting this on business owners is not fair to them. If that happens, I guarantee somebody will not want to if asked and cause a scene that no one needs.

Again, option #3 is the right thing to do.

Thank you,

Arnie Peeders

From: [Barbara Campion](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask Options
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:35:25 AM

I would like to see Minnetonka adopt Option 3, a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within 6 feet of others. Masks are highly recommended by medical experts and mandated by several local governments including Edina, Rochester, Mankato, St. Paul and Minneapolis. CDC specifically recommends that you "wear a cloth mask over your nose and mouth in grocery stores and all other public places where it is hard to stay 6 feet away from others." I don't think it is a major hardship to wear a mask for a few minutes while shopping or within 6 feet of others. For those of us who have pre-existing conditions and/or are over 60 years of age, Option 3 may be life saving.

Sincerely,

Barbara Campion

15400 Highland Heights Drive

Minnetonka

From: [Barbara Heinrich](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:30:15 PM

I am absolute favor of an ordinance for the public of Minnetonka to wear face masks in public or stay home!

Barbara Heinrich
11720 Live Oak Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Brady Silver](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: 7/13 council comment
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:03:23 AM

I am writing to strongly encourage the council to vote in favor of option 3 - requiring the use of face masks indoors.

Thank you,
Brady Silver - Minnetonka home owner

From: [Brian Howell](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: OPTION 1 - please
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:31:46 PM

Because of the 'mask' requirement in Minneapolis, (and now in Edina), we have taken all of our shopping and restaurant business elsewhere, but as Minnetonka residents it would sure be a sad day if masks become required here in our own city as we would also head to other suburbs to avoid wearing these things.

To be certain a high end N-95 mask can absolutely filter out the CoronaVirus, but the scientific evidence for any other type of mask falls far short of being effective.

Furthermore, the more I see people 'attempting' to wear a variety of cheap cloth masks, the more convinced I am that not only aren't they protecting themselves (or anyone else) from actually stopping the virus. Then, worse yet, the more they fiddle with their masks the more germs they get on their fingers, and then because they feel so good about being a 'mask wearer', they touch anything they can without any regard to how many germs they are spreading.

3608 Orchard Way
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Brian Howell | Director of Design Partnerships



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Minneapolis, MN 55413
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From: [Brian Noah](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:01:31 AM

Hello,

I oppose any action by the city of Minnetonka to require, to mandate the wearing of masks. I wear masks when I go into any public buildings as it's the responsible thing to do. But a government should not impose this action on its citizens as the data doesn't support this behavior. To assess fines on people or businesses for not adhering to a silly mandate would be just ridiculous. This would just result in further division.

Thank you

Brian Noah
Minnetonka, MN

From: [Caitlin Hillen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask requirement
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:41:44 AM

I oppose the position of requiring everyone to wear masks. Please see the article below and consider this information when you are making your decision.

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data>

Caitlin Hillen
5135 Dominick Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Carmen Wood](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Support for Option 3: Require masks!!
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:24:40 PM

Hi there!

I'm a voter and concerned citizen, with aging, high-risk parents who live in Minnetonka. I live right over the border in Eden Prairie myself, and shop, go to parks, etc in Minnetonka.

I writing to support the Minnetonka City Council requiring masks in public spaces (option 3). Please help keep everyone living, working, and shopping in Minnetonka safe!

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Carmen Wood
15907 S Lund Rd
Eden Prairie

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Carmen Wood Illustration
carmenawood.com



From: [Carol Olson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:06:19 PM

I urge you to adopt Option 3

Carol Olson
5600 Woodland Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Carolyn Aberman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Pls make masks mandatory in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:39:05 PM

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Carolyn Aberman

EVP, Corporate Partnerships

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From: [Carsten Ingvaldstad](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: As a resident of Minnetonka I support a mask ordinance.
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:07:12 AM

Carsten Ingvaldstad
1624 Welland Ave
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Catleen Fields](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: facemasks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:25:05 PM

Please require everyone to wear face masks indoors or within 6 ft. of others! We need this to maintain our state's good trajectory in containing COVID-19, saving lives and preventing the long term effects of getting the disease, containing medical expenses, and protecting our medical systems and personnel from catastrophe.

Cathleen Fields
18329 Bends Creek Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Cathy Bush](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:48:39 PM

Cathy and Eddie Bush
2800 Danbury Way
Mtna., MN 55305

We want face masks required in Minnetonka.

From: [Chad and Amy Kelsch](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory Face Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:30:16 AM

Hello:

We are residents of Minnetonka.

The purpose of this email is to voice support for the implementation of a city-wide face mask requirement. Putting this measure in place will go a long way in protecting Minnetonka residents and those working in Minnetonka based public establishments. It will be a huge step in curbing the spread of the virus. A mandatory masking policy will also remove the difficulty businesses experience in attempting to enforce their own mask compliance measures. Frankly, we can't see any downside in making masking mandatory.

This is very personal for us because Amy is immunocompromised, and is therefore at risk of experiencing complications from the virus.

Thank you for weighing this input in your decision-making process.

Chad Kelsch and Amy Stenehjem-Kelsch

From: [Charlene DeStefano](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:56:07 PM

My husband and I support mandatory face mask. Health experts say the evidence is clear that masks can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and that the more people wearing masks the better. Both my husband and I have underlying conditions. In our City I have seen many individuals who are not wearing face mask. There's a lot of asymptomatic infection, so everybody needs to wear a mask.

By passing the face mask mandate the City of Minnetonka can help significantly flatten the curve.

A recent study published in [Health Affairs](#), for example, compared the COVID-19 growth rate before and after mask mandates in 15 states and the District of Columbia. It found that mask mandates led to a slowdown in daily COVID-19 growth rate, which became more apparent over time. The first five days after a mandate, the daily growth rate slowed by 0.9 percentage-points compared to the five days prior to the mandate; at three weeks, the daily growth rate had slowed by 2 percentage-points.

[Another study](#) looked at coronavirus deaths across 198 countries and found that those with cultural norms or government policies favoring mask-wearing had lower death rate.

Two compelling case reports also suggest that masks can prevent transmission in high-risk scenarios, said Chin-Hong and Rutherford. In one case, [a man flew from China to Toronto](#) and subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. He had a dry cough and wore a mask on the flight, and all 25 people closest to him on the flight tested negative for COVID-19. In another case, in late May, [two hair stylists in Missouri](#) had close contact with 140 clients while sick with COVID-19. Everyone wore a mask and none of the clients tested positive.

Do masks protect the people wearing them or the people around them?

"I think there's enough evidence to say that the best benefit is for people who have COVID-19 to protect them from giving COVID-19 to other people, but you're still going to get a benefit from wearing a mask if you don't have COVID-19," said Chin-Hong.

Masks may be more effective as a “source control” because they can prevent larger expelled droplets from evaporating into smaller droplets that can travel farther.

Another factor to remember, noted Rutherford, is that you could still catch the virus through the membranes in your eyes, a risk that masking does not eliminate.

How many people need to wear masks to reduce community transmission?

“What you want is 100 percent of people to wear masks, but you’ll settle for 80 percent,” said Rutherford. [In one simulation](#), researchers predicted that 80 percent of the population wearing masks would do more to reduce COVID-19 spread than a strict lockdown.

The latest forecast from the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation suggests that [33,000 deaths could be avoided](#) by October 1 if 95 percent of people wore mask.

Charlene DeStefano
4500 Willow Oak Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Brad Wiersum](#)
Subject: Face masks - Option 3 - Require Now
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:00:04 AM

Council Members -

Face masks do not provide 100% protection but they're the best practical and cost-effective protection we can immediately employ; in addition, a face mask requirement underscores that we're all in this together. Please act July 13 to require masks now.

Chuck Leer and Mary Kelley Leer
16687 Meadowbrook Lane
[REDACTED]

From: [Cheri & Karl Wolfe](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Karl /Cheri Wolfe](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:59:17 AM

I am for options 1 & 2 , face masks encouraged, not forced. Thanks Cheri Wolfe

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:21:19 AM

PLEASE allow us the option to choose what is best for us personally re: face masks. I prefer Option 1, encouraging people to wear a mask but not mandating it. There are those of us who experience anxiety and shortness of breath when wearing a mask. Wearing masks do very little in the prevention of COVID. Physical distancing and hand washing are the most effective.

Why is the government removing our identity and voice????

Thank you,

Cheryl Howell
3608 Orchard Way
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: July 13 Face Mask Discussion
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:57:19 AM

Hello – I saw that face mask options will be considered at the July 13 meeting. I just wanted to weigh to say that I am in favor of Option #3 – Requiring face masks indoors and within 6 feet of others. It is an important and simple step we can all take to protect our community.

Thank you!
Cheryl Welch
Minnetonka Resident

From: [Christina Thompson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: 7/13 Meeting feedback
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:58:51 PM

Please require masks. People are not wearing them as they should. If we are to feel comfortable supporting local businesses that are open, we need to know that we are doing so safely. It's frustrating and disappointing to venture into a business where the employees are wearing masks and random customers are not. I refuse to shop in that scenario. And will not return.

Please require the mask.
Thank you!

Christina Thompson
14702 Williston Glen
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Christine Buckland](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:35:13 AM

Please pass city wide ordinance for masks to be worn inside.

Thank you,
BJ & Christine Buckland
4024 Hunters Hill Way
Minnetonka

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:58:05 AM

By now we all know the benefit of face masks. By adopting a citywide ordinance, more people will be "encouraged" to wear them. Thereby, decreasing the risk to the rest of us who do wear them.

Even those of us with hearing loss wear them and we are one of the most inconvenienced because of muffled sounds and the inability to speech read!

Thanks for your consideration.

Christine T. Morgan, MHA
2240 Plymouth Road, Apt. 315
Minnetonka, MN 55305

President, Hearing Loss Association of America - Twin Cities Chapter
Hearing Loss Support Specialist

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Christine

"The truth is not always beautiful, nor beautiful words the truth."— Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching

From: [Christine Pui](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:03:06 AM

Hello,

I am in favor of option 3 - requiring face masks be worn in minnetonka. I am a healthcare provider and feel that this is important to keep our residents safe. Thank you.

Christine Pui, MD
639 City View Dr
Minnetonka MN

Christine Pui

From: [Chuck Bernardy](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Facemasks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:34:09 PM


If there was a citywide referendum...I vote:

Option 3: Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

Chuck Bernardy
5851 Covington Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Cindy Amberger](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:00:07 AM

As a resident of and a small business owner in Minnetonka, I strongly support a mask required ordinance. It is absurd to me that there would be resistance to such a basic and simple action to protect our community. It facilitates opening more business and is simply smart.

Cindy Amberger
Way to Go! Moving and Organizing Solutions
11831 Minnetonka Blvd
Mfka MN 55395


From: [Cindy Mundahl](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandate
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:29:54 PM

Hi,

I'm a Minnetonka resident and I support a mandate requiring the wearing of face masks in public.

Cindy Mundahl
16877 Saddlewood Trail
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Colleen Crawford](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:17:35 PM

I would really appreciate a city wide mandate for masks to be worn indoors in public places. I know of several immune compromised friends that don't go out because so many people do not wear masks. It is unbelievable that people need to have a mandate to help ensure that their neighbors are safe; I would hope that they do it to be respectful w/o being told to. If that is what it takes to ensure everyone masks up to allow freedom to move about the community, then I am all for it.

I also want to express my deep appreciation for the brave men and women that patrol our community. I 100% support our police. I also think looking at the possibility of finding a way to utilize the volunteer force that Minnetonka has to do some non-violent things police do would free up the police to be where they are most needed. Last summer I had a break in in my car. The officer that came was fabulous but perhaps a volunteer could have taken the report? It would be great if our community could find ways that they can make police safer and feel more supported by using them in the most effective way. I support using mental health professionals on some calls in conjunction with police. It doesn't hurt to look at how we are currently using police to make sure we have the best possible outcomes for the community and especially, the police force.

Colleen Crawford
18104 Priory Lane

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:57:01 AM

Please create an ordinance requiring people to wear face masks!!! Some people do not understand the severity of this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Peterson
5701 Glen Moor Road W
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Darcie Payne](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Richard Payne](#)
Subject: Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:47:52 PM

My Husband and I believe that it would be good for people to wear masks in public places in Minnetonka during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Thank you,
Darcie & Richard Payne
3419 Rainbow Drive

From: [Darcy Wright](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Minnetonka mask policy
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:06:28 PM

I'm writing to request that Minnetonka does not create a mandatory mask policy. Decisions about my health and my families health should be between my doctor and myself and are not decisions I want made by the city, PERIOD! Let me ask you, as a parent of an immunocompromised child why don't they make vaccines required for entering school? There are many families that opt out of vaccination, and with infectious diseases that are spread at a much higher infection rate such as Measles, Pertussis, Hepatitis, and Varicella! How are you protecting my child here? How about the flu vaccination rates? Are you going to mandate that too? Only 49% of Minnesotans receive that vaccine! The flu season is right around the corner, and could be easily confused with this novel virus? How will you use your mighty powers to watch over all these uneducated families in Minnetonka? I believe this is my right, my body to decide how to keep my family healthy.

Especially given the most recent opinions of the World Health Organization and New England Journal of Medicine saying they don't offer protection to the general public unless properly used indoors. There is no rationale according to the NEJM to wear one outdoors.


Are we really going to waste Minnetonka PD efforts with chasing masks? Turning on each other in our community?

The MN law below makes it a misdemeanor to wear one in public. This is not a medical treatment and does not meet the standard or definition of a medical treatment.

609.735 CONCEALING IDENTITY.

A person whose identity is concealed by the person in a public place by means of a robe, mask, or other disguise, unless based on religious beliefs, or incidental to amusement, entertainment, protection from weather, or medical treatment, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
In addition, according to multiple law enforcement officers and Attorneys wearing a mask makes it illegal to carry a firearm which violates our rights under the law.

Respectfully,

Darcy Wright
14011 Minnehaha Place


From: [Dave Pitera](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:19:06 AM

Greetings,

I am writing to show support for Option 1; in upcoming the mask discussion. Total cases or new cases is not the metric to justify additional measures like mandatory masks. Hospitalizations are and the data right off the man.gov website shows that metric in decline for over 2 times as long as the over all incubation period for this disease.

Thank you,

Dave Pitera
3740 Farmington Rd,
Minnetonka

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:53:01 PM

Regarding the city's consideration for face masks, we strongly support a citywide ordinance for required face masks in public and indoor spaces, as well as when distancing is not possible.

We need, as a community, to take responsibility for the protection of others - in the simplest of ways, a face mask - in order to control the spread. As a result, our children will be able to get back to school; our elders will be able to see their family members; and our healthcare workers will be able to go home to their families each day and not worry about their safety. If we were in those positions, wouldn't we all hope everyone would do their part for our sake? Let's do it for them!

Thanks for consideration of this important measure.

David & Mary Hentges
1700 Plymouth Road, Apt. 605
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Suzy & David Robertson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Upcoming City Council Meeting
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:44:05 PM

Please vote to require mask wearing.

Thanks.

Rgds,

David

15800 Dawn Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Suzy & David Robertson



From: [Deb Karay](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: re:face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:23:43 AM

Please do not make face masks mandatory for *anyone*, and leave it up to individual businesses to make their own rules.

I don't know how you would enforce a mandate, and do not want to see our police, or citizens, confronting anyone about this issue.

Encouragement without enforcement is my vote!

From: [Deborah Donaldson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:49:47 PM

I am a resident of Minnetonka, and I strongly support requiring wearing masks for all in public places at all times.
(Except when actually eating if indoors at a restaurant.)

Deborah Donaldson
2835 Breckenridge Rd.
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Dennis Dickinson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#); [Brad/Karen Wiersum](#)
Subject: Say YES to the Mask - Save lives
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:28:47 AM

Subject: From the Tribune

TALKERS

TOP STORIES

- **New model forecasts low Minnesota COVID-19 spread in the fall:** [Minnesota is on a trajectory for one of the lowest spreads](#) of the COVID-19 virus of any state come November, according to a new national modeling estimate, and **could save nearly 200 lives by that time through universal mask usage.**
- Go for the mask and save LIVES !!!!!!!

Dennis Dickinson
4515 Redwood Circle
Minnetonka 55345

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From: [Diana Hoyt](#)
To: [Brad Wiersum](#); [Kissy Coakley](#); [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:07:35 AM

Please count me as a "YES" for universal masks and social distancing for several reasons. It protects your citizens by lowering transmission rates and therefore increases consumer confidence, protects your workforce, and keeps your hospitals from getting overwhelmed. These policies, combined with effective contact tracing, have worked well in other countries and we can learn from them. In Germany, my country of origin, masks have been and still are mandatory. They are even available in vending machines in subways. Germany is a country of over 80 million citizens but has roughly the same daily infection rate as Minnesota. I spoke with my mother's physician and Stuttgart with its 633000 citizens has 33 confirmed cases now. Your Army, stationed in Germany, also is on board in this once hot spot. Here is a short article.

<https://www.stripes.com/news/europe/army-in-stuttgart-once-a-coronavirus-hot-spot-reports-no-new-infections-over-three-weeks-1.630847>

	<p>Army in Stuttgart, once a coronavirus hot spot, reports no new infections over three weeks - Europe - Stripes - Stars and Stripes</p>
<p>The lack of new cases is a sharp turnaround for a military community that in early April accounted for more coronavirus cases than any other overseas base.</p>	
<p>www.stripes.com</p>	

I hope my chosen home will implement a universal mandatory mask and social distancing rule . This is smart and should not be political. If one wants to make a political statement, one should feel free to do so on the mask.

Sincerely

Diana Hoyt

[REDACTED]

From: [Diana Valentine](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:33:35 AM

I believe face masks should be required by the City of Minnetonka. That said, I also understand how difficult it can be for businesses to enforce such an ordinance. It's not an easy decision. I think the City of Minnetonka has handled the pandemic well. In my experience, primarily grocery shopping, most people do wear masks. So I guess the bottom line for me is to say this is a good discussion to have. I trust it will go well.

Diana Valentine
4311 Arrowhead Ct
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Diane Bancroft](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Requirements
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:50:48 AM

I strongly feel that Option 3 is best! Let Minnetonka be a leader in doing everything we can to keep our city safe.

Diane Bancroft
5900 Joseph's Pt. Rd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:44:35 PM

Diane Greenberger
12620 James Road

I would support an ordinance for indoor public places. I would not like one outdoors because I'm afraid it would include things like riding a bike when you pass a person for a split second because you've come within 6 ft of them.

I think it is important we can still comfortably enjoy outdoor spaces while being responsible to socially distance.

Thank you.

From: [Diane Johnson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask wearing
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:44:06 PM

I do not want the city telling me that I must wear a mask. I am 65, I have MS and I know how to apply common sense. This is America and I have a right to wear one or not wear one.

Diane Johnson
3523 Comet Lane
Minnetonka

From: [Donna Viland](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: In support of face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:36:53 AM

I support the mandatory use of face masks in public indoor spaces. It's so little we can do to keep each other safe. And of course my assumption is that it will be for a limited time.

Donna Viland
4066 Wyndham Hill Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [REDACTED] Drew Post
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: No Mask Requirement
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:20:35 AM

Good morning,

I am writing in opposition to the requirement of face masks by the city of Minnetonka. I believe it should be a choice and not compulsory. I understand the feelings of many on the other side, but to actively require any such face coverings stands against liberty and individuality and should not be permitted.

Thank you,

Drew Post
13832 Kinsel Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55345

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Drew Post

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Sa'age](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate against
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:17:59 PM

To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the City of Minnetonka is considering a mandatory mask requirement.

As a resident of Minnetonka, I do not support a mandatory mask requirement.

There will be impassioned pleas from both side on this. Please weigh your decision wisely and ground in facts. Don't let the emotions and inaccuracies sway you.

In a free society we always take risks. Yes you can mitigate however the risk remains. Mandating that residents wear masks does nothing to mitigate those risks.

Wear a mask sounds a lot like flatten the curve we heard in March. Top shelf bull.

Drew

18004 Tamarack Drive

Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Dulce Foster](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:53:19 PM

I think not having a mask requirement before now will go down in history as the single biggest government mistake in my lifetime. Seriously what is there to debate? That they are uncomfortable? So what? There are many hot days when I'd rather not wear a shirt. But I'm a woman and I don't want to get arrested, so I do. The difference is that a shirt merely satisfies people's sense of decency and modesty. Wearing masks has been proven to actually save lives, and an ordinance requiring them in public places (indoors or within 6 feet outdoors) could actually create a pathway for the economy to recover without many more deaths. It won't work unless everyone does it, and some people have shown they won't do it unless forced to. The ordinance should be approved.

Dulce Foster
12410 Huntingdon Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Eden Bodnar](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate for Minnetonka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:12:16 PM

Kyle-

It has been brought to my attention that a mask mandate is being considered in Minnetonka for public spaces. I am a Minnetonka resident, a small business owner and mom of three kids in school here. I am personally in favor of masks for all in public spaces. I believe the science shows that masks will help us slow the spread and allow our businesses to stay open.

I hope you will consider making masks a requirement in Minnetonka.

Warmly,

Eden Bodnar
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Elaine Kamps](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:10:59 PM

Please mandate!

From: [Elissa Kalman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Minnetonka masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:52:34 PM

Hi! I'd like to put in my support for a mandate on masks in Minnetonka!

Thank you!

Elissa Kalman
2900 Wear Circle
Orono, MN 55356

From: [Ellen Prozumenshikov](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: In regards of ordinance to wear masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:27:51 PM

Please, count me as a resident in favor of mandatory wearing a facial masks in the city of Minnetonka on Monday, July 13th.

Cheers,

Ellen
3302 Breconwood
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Adopt city wide mask requirement!
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:03:02 AM

As a resident of Minnetonka I strongly support a mask requirement. It just makes sense. It's the right thing to do and it's the responsible thing to do given the severity of the situation in the US. Of course selfish, stupid people will complain and yell about their "rights." These are the people who JUST DON'T CARE ABOUT OTHERS. And they don't understand that this isn't about them, it's about the greater good.

I'm proud to live here and I really want this city to be on the right side of science and public health. Everyone I know feels the same way. Please do the right thing.

Thank you,
Emily Dubrovsky
5836 Oakview circle
Minnetonka 55345

From: [Eric and Kathy Weinschel](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: mask input for city council
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:55:16 PM

Eric Weinschel MD, and Kathy Weinschel
5405 Vining Point Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

We fully support the city of Minnetonka adopting a policy of requiring mask use indoors or within 6 feet of others. This guideline is for the protection of all citizens, especially those with underlying conditions. We need to work together as a community to take care of each other during these difficult times.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:11:24 PM

Because a scientific study has proven that if everyone wears a mask the possibility of covid transmission is less than 5%. Also because this is much more serious than a 'just a flu' and it has affected people of all ages, mask wearing indoors in enclosed spaces protects everyone. Mask wearing indoors is for the common good- it protects everyone.

I support option 3.

Eric Wickiser
5630 Mahoney Ave.
Minnetonka, 55345
[REDACTED]

From: [Erin Amoo-Gottfried](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mtka City Council Meeting -- MASKS
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:25:52 PM

I am writing to voice my support to mandate masks in the city of Minnetonka. The premise is simply a matter of public health similar to the ordinance for no smoking in bars and restaurants as well as shirts and shoes.

When one person puts others people's health at risk it is the responsibility of the city to take mitigating actions. Public health supercedes any person freedom.

Thank you,
Erin Amoo-Gottfried
3226 Lake Shore Blvd.
Minnetonka

From: [Erin Bix](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate in Minnetonka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:58:47 PM

Hello,

As a resident of Minnetonka, I understand there is a meeting on Monday in which one topic being discussed is a mandate on masks in Mtka. I am fully in support of this to curb the spread of COVID-19. We all want our kids to return to school in the Fall, and we should all be willing to do our part- that includes wearing a mask. The problem is that many people are opting out of this. Retail, restaurants and other public places mandate shirts and shoes required for service. A mask should be added to this requirement. People can stay home if they don't want to wear a mask.

Thank you for listening.

Erin Bix
11909 Saint Albans Hollow Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Ernie Cook](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Wearing of Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:09:27 PM

I feel we should wear face masks when going into businesses! There should be signs that state that wearing a mask is mandatory or please shop elsewhere.

Ernie Cook
4285 Lindsey Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Eunice Garza](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please Mandate Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:34:13 PM

Please mandate masks in Minnetonka. Our community must be held socially accountable in protecting our members young and old. I believe this will develop more awareness and consideration of the current health crisis. We are a knowledgeable, strong and highly motivated. Rise up MINNETONKA!!

Eunice Garza
19050 Stratford Rd #202
Minnetonka



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Support of masks in Mtka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:24:23 PM

I fully support the wearing of face masks indoors and when within less than six feet of others outside. It is the safe and smart thing to do.

Everett Weinstein
2035 Sherwood Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: MASK MANDATE
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:46:52 AM

To all of you with the power to implement a mask mandate for all public, indoor spaces~
DO IT!!!! Someone needs to be in charge and stop this politicizing of masks. We have a public health crisis and everyone is so afraid to lead with science and common sense!! I'm so sick of it. I am begging you to tell Minnetonka businesses etc, they need to require them in ALL INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES!! NO exceptions!!!

Thank you~

~Francine Gersh
2288 Sherwood Court
Minnetonka, MN 55305
[REDACTED]

From: [Garrett Young](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Adopt Face masks indoors
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:34:16 AM

I would support the city of Minnetonka to adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks in all indoors spaces.

Thank you,

Garrett Young
2213 Oakland Road
Minnetonka, MN 55305
[REDACTED]

From: [Gayla Rute](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:36:59 PM

Please do not violate constitutional rights and require mandatory masks. The CDC has declared that due to the death rate dropping as low as it has, COVID 19 will soon come out of pandemic status. The number of cases are increasing due to testing and it spreading naturally. Let nature take it course.

Also there is so much propaganda out there with one thing said one day, another thing said the next day, truth is no longer obtainable.

If you move forward and put it place against the citizen's rights, pls enclose a medical exemption, which is required under ADA.

Thank you,
Gayla
18004 Tamarack Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Gayle Jentz](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:49:51 AM

Please mandate face masks for our community. It's one of the only ways we have of controlling this virus. Edina did it and we should too!

Gayle Jentz
16830 Edgewood Avenue
Minnetonka, MN 55391

From: [Gayle Werner](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask Ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:21:22 AM

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I support adoption of a face mask ordinance in Minnetonka.

The recommendations of the CDC, major health institutions such as the Mayo Clinic, and findings from our nation's and state's scientists on using face masks are important for the health of our community. Their advice about informs us that wearing face masks is one of the most effective practices (at this time) that we can adopt against spread of the COVID-19 virus. Wearing face masks is inexpensive and an easy practice to adopt.

I appreciate and support the city government and law enforcement actions to help keep our community healthy.

Regards,

Gayle Werner
2745 Meadow Place
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [George Berg](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:08:45 PM

There are no masks that have been approved by the FDA for the prevention of the transmission of disease. It is against the law to claim a mask, i.e. N95, can keep you from getting a disease.

Why would the City make a mask mandatory? A mask cannot filter out virus particles, they are too small.

George Berg
14001 Minnehaha Place

From: [Gina Ramacciotti](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in mtka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:15:36 PM

Hello

I live at 5715 scenic circle Minnetonka 55345, I absolutely think masks should be mandatory. I ask you to look at the politico.com article on the governor of Rhode Island and how mandatory mask wearing has made them fully open with very few cases.

Thank you

Gina Iannone



From: [Ginny Larson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:26:29 AM

Greetings:

I would highly encourage you to require face masks and 6' distancing.

As a senior with a compromised immune system, I always wear my mask etc. I DO NOT WANT TO SPREAD THE DISEASE TO OTHERS NOR DO I WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT.

Years ago people didn't like to use bike helmets. Today, the majority of bikers do. It's for health reasons. Just make sense.

As a community, it isn't too much to ask our citizens to follow the rules for the benefit of all of us.
PLEASE ADOPT THE ORDINANCE.

Ginny Larson
17844 Townline Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Guy Marzano](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Bradley Schaeppi](#); [Brad Wiersum](#)
Subject: Face Mask Decision
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:44:59 AM

I strongly recommend Option 3—that the City require face masks (worn properly) indoors (except when at home) and outside within six feet of anyone else (except when in a vehicle with all the windows—and convertible tops—closed).

Guy M. Marzano
2848 Oak Lea Drive
Wayzata, MN 55391
[REDACTED]

From: [Heidi Castelein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:51:59 PM

I am a Minnetonka resident. As doctors have said, we can't keep people safe without face masks. I know there are people that will say it infringes on their freedom and liberties but that is boy true. We have "No shirt, No Shoes, No service", we also don't allow drinking and driving or smoking indoors. These are all things to keep people safe and healthy. Face Masks are no different. Please join what other metro cities are doing and enact a city wide ordinance that face masks must be worn.

Some will also say that medically they are unhealthy. We have constant support to say that isn't the case because medical/dental care providers wear them all day without suffering any adverse health issues.

Make me proud to live in Minnetonka by showing that you care about the healthy and safety of its citizens. Make face masks mandatory when indoors or within 6-feet of others.

Best Regards,

Heidi Castelein
4910 Wesetgate Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Helen McEvoy-Freese](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: re: masks in Minnetonka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:49:43 PM

I am firmly in favor of an ordinance requiring masks in Minnetonka. It is indeed a safety measure, and masks are so readily available (I saw a kiosk of them in Cub!)

thank you,

Helen McEvoy-Freese
17123 Chiltern Hills Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:06:03 PM

Hello,

I support having a mask ordinance in Minnetonka. It is a simple measure that can help insure safety in public places.

Available information from the CDC and other reliable sources indicates wearing a mask helps reduce the spread of COVID-19. States that re-opened too quickly or without adequate preparations, have seen cases of the virus skyrocket. This is not an example to follow! A mask ordinance will help keep COVID-19 cases to a manageable level.

I understand that masks can be uncomfortable and that people don't like to wear them. However, we all have to work together to bring this pandemic under control. My husband and I are at high risk due to age. We would like to get out and enjoy community activities again. I believe that mandating masks and maintaining social distancing will help people get out safely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


*-Helen Paul
2920 Minnehaha Curve
Minnetonka, MN 55391*

From: [Holly Walgamuth](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:45:12 AM

Hello,

I am in favor of a mask ordinance! Hoping this will be enforced in Minnetonka.

Thank you,

Holly Walgamuth
2520 abbey Hill Drive
Minnetonka Mn 55305
Interiors by Holly


From: [Howard Fidler](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandate
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:25:18 AM

I'm writing to request that Minnetonka does not create a mandatory mask policy. Especially given the most recent opinions of the WHO and NEJM saying they don't offer protection to the general public unless properly used indoors. There is no rational according to the NEJM to wear one outdoors.

Are we really going to waste Minnetonka PD efforts with chasing masks?

The Mn law below makes it a misdemeanor to wear one in public. This is not a medical treatment and does not meet the standard or definition of a medical treatment.

609.735 CONCEALING IDENTITY.

A person whose identity is concealed by the person in a public place by means of a robe, mask, or other disguise, unless based on religious beliefs, or incidental to amusement, entertainment, protection from weather, or medical treatment, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

In addition according to multiple law enforcement officers and Attys wearing a mask makes it illegal to carry a firearm which violates our rights under the law.

Decisions about my health should be between my doctor and myself and are not decisions I want made by the city.

Respectfully,


Howard Fidler
17631 Arrowhead Trail
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Ivan Arenson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: For Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:29:26 AM

I am for requiring face masks in Minneotnka

Ivan Arenson
11933 Orchard Ave W
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Ivan Arenson



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Minnetonka mask ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:10:44 PM

Hello,

As a resident of Minnetonka, I am begging you to please enforce a mandated mask policy. Numbers are low here...let's keep it that way.

Thank you.

Jacey Siedband
2621 crescent ridge road

From: [Jack Hillen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Opposition to Mask Requirement
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:03:33 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm in favor of Option 1 or nothing at all.

I'm not in favor of forcing people to wear masks. I'm strongly against Option 3 for numerous reasons, from civil liberty issues to a lack of credible evidence face masks actually work to prevent the spread of the disease. Anecdotally, everyone I see wearing a mask is always touching their face.

Thank you,

Jack Hillen
[REDACTED]
5135 Dominick Dr
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Jan Thorp](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:12:55 PM

Hello -

I support making the wearing of face masks mandatory in Minnetonka.

Jan Thorp
14640 Crestview Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Jane Gordon](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:46:39 AM

From an “elderly” former Minnetonka City Council member, please make face masks mandatory!!!!

Jane Gordon
11460 Fairfield Road West
Minnetonka, MN 55305
Ward 2
1980-1992

From: [Jane Lifson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:54:22 AM

We highly support mask enforcement in Minnetonka
Jane and Todd Lifson
11943 Orchard Ave W. 55305

From: [Jane Thompson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in Minnetonka Ordinancevote
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:15:30 PM

I wholeheartedly support the adoption of an ordinance in Minnetonka requiring all people to wear masks in all public places AND when in six feet of others (Option # 3)

Jane Thompson
15604 Dawn Dr
Minnetonka 55345

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Support option 3
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:06:39 AM

Hello,

I am writing in strong support of option 3, the citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors. Wearing a face mask saves lives, period. The longer we do not have an ordinance, the longer this pandemic will last. More lives will be lost and the economic destruction will continue. Schools will be unable to open, hurting an entire generation. It is unbelievable that this has become a politicized issue. Please do the right thing for all of our elderly or immunocompromised neighbors and require masks until this pandemic is truly under control.

Sincerely,
Jannelle Ruswick
15617 Sunset Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Janet Fiola](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:31:55 AM

I have called twice and have been told that the City would consider face masks in all indoor buildings. On behalf of those vulnerable, I again ask that face masks be required in Minnetonka. Other Minnesota cities have and their business have profited from the action. Our friends and neighbors are shopping in Edina because they require masks. This is the least we can do to protect our citizens and businesses. Once you have seen loved ones struggling with Covid 19, you would require masks. I have seen the agony first hand. It is an act of kindness in these surreal times. Please vote to require masks.

My Mask Protects You
Your Mask Protects Me

Respectfully,

Janet and Doug Fiola
12920 Pioneer Road
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Janice Bradburn](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:02:08 AM

Option 2 seems to actually be a part of Option 1.

Option 3 should read ".....**and** within 6 feet of others."

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Cheers!

Janice Bradburn
5101 Kimberly Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Janice Schachtman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:37:42 PM

As a resident of Minnetonka, I am hoping the Minnetonka City Council will approve a mask ordinance for the city of Minnetonka. I feel it is essential in curbing the spread of COVID19. Thank you. Janice Schachtman, 2811 Danbury Way Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Jayme Neary](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:01:35 PM

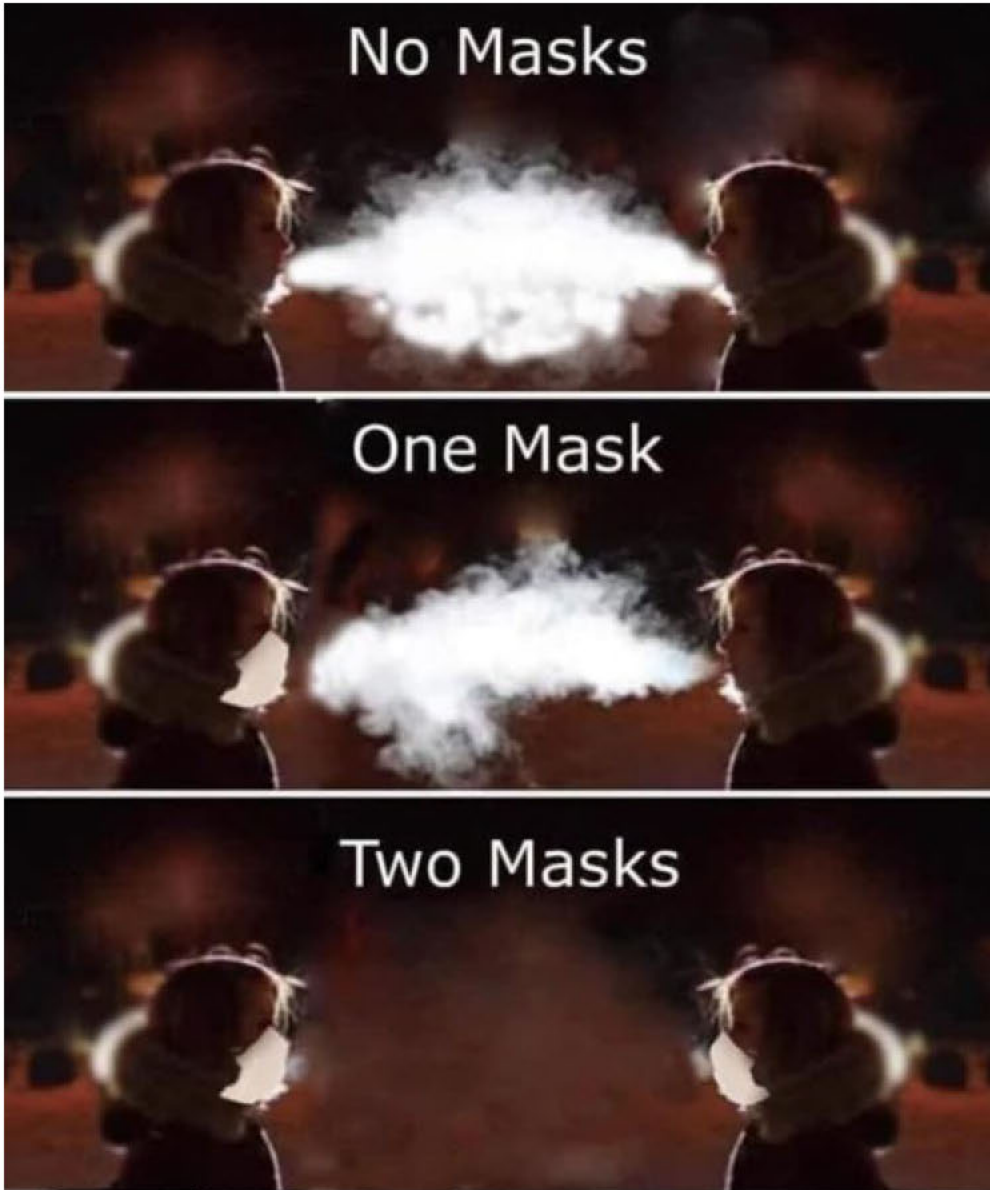
Option 3. This should be an easy decision for council.

I moved from Minnetonka last year but still shop there, so I still have a vested interest in this decision.

Jayme Neary
212 N . 1st Street, #311
Minneapolis, MN 55401

From: [Jeanne Markell](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Required masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:30:24 PM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

I urge the City of Minnetonka to require masks indoors and to continue requiring 6 ft distancing.



NOW DO YOU GET IT?

Jeanne Markell
17809 Covington Rd
Minnetonka Mn 55345

From: [Jeff Jeffrov](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:57:49 AM

I do leave and work in Minnetonka and I am very strong supporter of waring face mask during COVID -19 and especially as we expecting second wave of this pandemic.

That ordinance will save lives of elderly , people with compromise immune system and many others .

Let the City of Minnetonka be a leader in fighting this deadly virus and show that it truly cares of its residents and visitors

My vote is Option 3 : Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face mass indoors and or within six feet of others

Jeff Jeffrov
2710 Bent Tree Way
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Jennifer Crist](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Support for mandatory masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:42:35 PM

Hello!

My name is Jennifer Crist and I am at Minnetonka resident, parent and seasonal contractor of the district. I am writing to extend my full support of mandatory mask mandate in public places. Indoor as well as outdoor when necessary. Thank you very much for your time and service.

Jennifer
3417 Lowell Street, Minnetonka

From: [Jennifer Hahn](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask options
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:14:02 PM

Dear Minnetonka City Council-

I am in favor of option 3. I think the city of Minnetonka should have a city ordinance to require masks.

Thank you,
Jennifer Hahn
3801 Colgate Ave
Minnetonka MN 55345
[REDACTED]

From: [Jennifer Hume-Jorgenson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask discussion at city council mtg.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:43:47 AM

Good morning. I don't know if this is the correct way to do this, but figured I'd try.
For your face mask discussion at the next city council meeting, I say option 3 is the way to go. There's absolutely no reason why everyone shouldn't be in a mask while indoors; whether it be business employees or patrons.
I work in the construction industry and we have continued working since COVID hit. We have our processes down whether it be on a job site or in an office and it isn't an issue. We as a company have had our COVID Plans completed and communicated for weeks and are ready for our offices to open on July 22nd. Everyone in the state has had ample time to get used to the new "norm" which should absolutely include wearing masks while indoors.

Thank you,

Jennifer Hume-Jorgenson
2932 Beechwood Avenue
Wayzata, MN 55391

From: [Jennifer Kelly](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance- support for option #3
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:52:21 PM

Good afternoon! As you convene to discuss a potential mask ordinance for the city on July 13, I just wanted to let you know that this resident fully supports option number 3. The friends and neighbors I interact with (from a distance) all support a mask ordinance. We would feel much more comfortable doing our grocery shopping if people would adopt this small step to curb the spread of this virus. I don't feel there is a need for me to cite the scientific evidence, as I'm sure the city council knows the facts: this small step will save lives.

Option 3: Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

Thank you!!

Jennifer Kelly
10800 Oak Knoll Terrace North



From: [Jennifer Stukel](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance meeting opinion
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:31:34 PM

Hello,

This is Jennifer Stukel at 5032 Clear Spring Road in Minnetonka. I would like to add my opinion on the mask ordinance for the city council meeting.

I strongly believe that Minnetonka needs to implement a mask ordinance immediately. I feel that the city council, and mayor, have an obligation to ensure the safety of all residents. We know that wearing a mask can keep people safe, yet so many residents choose not to wear them.

I work with children at an elementary school here in Minnetonka and also have kids of my own. To see and know how children and families are sacrificing and suffering because of this pandemic - I think wearing a mask in public is the least people can do.

Please, I implore you to implement a mask policy immediately.

Thank you!
Jennifer Stukel

From: [Jesse Meister](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re mask
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:04:55 PM

I'm deeply troubled at all the unamerican and unconstitutional behavior all over our country . I've been a tax paying law abiding citizen for many years . Let me just say that as a free American citizen who has a 4th amendment as well as a 1st that I will never wear a face mask unless I decide to wear one . If a business won't allow me in without one then I don't spend my money there . My body is mine and only I will decide if I want a medical procedure such as a vaccine and only I will decide if I need a mask and I will never wear a mask outdoors no matter what . I hope the state of Minnesota and the city of Minnetonka does not violate my rights and freedoms to decide . Like i said I'm a great person and law abiding and tax paying but I will resist any city or state mandate forcing me to wear a mask as I will not !

From: [Jessie Jacobson](#)
To: [Bradley Schaeppi](#)
Cc: [Kyle Salage](#); [Luke Jacobson](#); [Brad Wiersum](#)
Subject: RE: Facemask Input Please
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:46:41 AM

Hi Bradley,

Thank you for reaching out.

As residents and business owners in the City of Minnetonka, we are in favor of a city wide face covering requirement.

Our employees have been wearing masks every day at work since April 5, 2020 and we have required customers to wear masks since we were allowed to re-open on April 18, 2020. Most customers are extremely grateful for the care we have taken in crafting our shopping guidelines ([link below](#)). Many also take great comfort in ordering from our online store for contactless curbside pick-up service

<https://tonkadale.com/updates/>

We also support the requirement that customers have their face covering on before they enter the business and are able to take them off when they exit the business. I don't think there should be leniency while in the establishment if 6 feet of social distance is available. When people take their masks on and off, they touch their faces further increasing the risk of spreading virus while shopping.

Our business is unique because we have a very large indoor space as well as an outdoor space. Our requirement is that customers wear face coverings at all times – both inside and outdoors.

With this requirement, we believe it is also important to note that private businesses may decide to adopt stricter face covering guidelines and other safety guidelines as they evaluate the safety measures they need to have in place.

Our employees are in support of face coverings and I believe they would not be as productive or comfortable at work if they felt like their employer was not very considerate and respectful of their health and safety. They serve hundreds of customers each day with compassion, knowledge and enthusiasm. I am very proud of the work they do, especially under extraordinary circumstances.

As residents and business owners in the city of Minnetonka, we do not support the recommendation that businesses bear the responsibility of requiring face coverings in their establishments.

It has been extremely stressful to mandate masks in our establishment even though we agree it is the right thing to do for our community, our staff, our customers and the future of our business. At times, we have also been met with extreme pushback, rageful outbursts, mistreatment of our employees, hate speech, a series of 1-star Google and Facebook reviews. I have on two occasions called the Minnetonka police because I was fearful a situation might escalate and become violent.

Jessie & Luke Jacobson
4694 Woodridge Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Jessie Jacobson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Luke Jacobson](#)
Subject: Face coverings.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:06:42 AM

Thoughts from Tonkadale Greenhouse:

Don't put retail/business owners in the position of enforcement. It's been quite difficult, stressful, and painful to require masks which we think is the right thing to do because of extreme feedback. However, most have been appreciative and compliant.

Please take "within 6 feet" out of the requirement and just require them in public spaces/businesses. People love to take their masks on and off. That increases contact with the face. Also, in a business like ours, I don't want to have to argue about the need for masks if people are not within 6 feet because the city said they didn't have to have them on. People are generally not aware of social distance and frequently move in and out of the 6 feet social distancing requirement.

Just a quick email with a few thoughts. I'd be happy to discuss further.

Jessie
Owner, Tonkadale Greenhouse

Your Greenhouse Home

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:53:08 AM

Hi, I'd like to provide a short comment:

Please require face masks. It's proven to reduce transmission of covid via presymptomatic or asymptomatic people. The more proactive measures we take, the sooner we can get back to a more regular lifestyle. It's a minimal effort and it could be framed as an act of kindness to our friends and neighbors.

Thank you,

Jim Carter
9605 Sandra Ln
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Jim Wilson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Option 2 for face masks. Require in stores etc. meeting in public. We aren't quite ready for mandatory at all times. What is Minnetonka,s positive count to date?
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:59:58 AM

James Wilson
5338 Beachside Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Joan Charnas](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Council Meeting - masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:27:47 PM

I am in favor of Option 3 so that we can do everything to keep all employees safe.

Employees of schools, essential businesses and anyone who can't work from home need to be protected so that a semblance of normal life can continue. The schools need to be open and functioning for educational, social, developmental and child care reasons. Business employees need to be healthy to help our economy recover.

Employees also should not be placed in volatile situations if someone won't wear a mask. The majority are not trained to deal with such situations, in addition to the overall populace becoming more volatile during the heat and stress from the pandemic.

I recommend that the City of Minnetonka prepare LARGE signage, to be placed everywhere within the city limits spelling out the mask requirements for all facilities and locations. Also, the signage should mention security cameras (if present) so if the state tries to do contact tracing - everyone knows that the pictures are available to the health department. I am generally not a fan of the Big Brother approach but believe that if you want to live among other people, you need to occasionally think about someone other than yourself.

Joan Charnas
14457 Stewart Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [JoAnn Sperl-Hillen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: regarding the Minnetonka City Council meeting agenda topic for a face mask ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:00:49 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a Minnetonka resident and a physician research investigator who has dedicated my 36 year medical career to improving the health of people living with chronic conditions such as diabetes. In my role as a researcher, I am tasked to look critically at data and scientific evidence, and to promote evidence based policies that will improve the health of the population.

With that as my background, I am writing to say that I have analyzed the literature and evidence for recent medical society recommendations for wearing cloth masks in public as a way to prevent COVID-19 morbidity and mortality. Most of these guidelines are published as "expert opinion" with no or minimal referenced evidence, and I have really had to dig and inquire to figure out what scientific data is driving this. There are two frequent sources for the recommendations: 1. Howard, J; Face Masks Against COVID-19: An Evidence Review, PNAS, April 2020 and 2. Leung, Respiratory virus shedding in exhaled breath and efficacy of face masks, Nature Medicine, 2020, 3. An epidemiological study reporting rates of COVID before and after mask mandates published in Health Affairs on June 16, 2020, which is based on before and after natural experiment data, with major methodology limitations. A review of the literature is also published in a commentary from UMN that concludes that cloth masks are ineffective (cidrap.umn.edu).

After reviewing as much literature and evidence for face mask use as I can find, I conclude the following:

1. There are no efficacy trials published to date that provide evidence for using cloth masks in public settings. The main evidence in favor of cloth masks is source control data showing prevention of large expelled droplets. But the main source of this data was either using surgical masks (not home-made cloth masks) or cloth masks under experimental conditions such as using a damp wash cloth over the speaker's mouth (NEJM, May 21, 2020). In other studies (Vaughan, W Taylor, Influenza: an epidologic study. Baltimore: The American journal of hygiene, 1921) on the use of cloth face masks in previous pandemics such as 1918 flu, the overwhelming conclusion was that mandating masks was a failure "because of human behavior: masks were filthy and worn in ways that offered little or no protection" In my witnessing of face mask use during this pandemic, I really do not believe that human behavior has changed much since then.
2. There are very legitimate concerns that a public mandate for both face mask use could cause public harm, particularly if people have a false sense of security because of them and do not understand that they do very little to protect the people wearing them (the main benefit, if there is one, is through source control).
3. Surgical masks as opposed to cloth masks, if properly worn, could protect people wearing them. We should encourage people at higher risk for COVID complications to avoid public exposure as much as possible, but if they must be exposed, then they are most protected by wearing a good fitting surgical mask.

As a health care provider, I am greatly concerned about preventing the spread of COVID

especially to higher risk individuals, and would advocate for well-fitting surgical quality masks for these individuals if they must be out in public. However, I would not adopt cloth mask wearing as a citywide public ordinance for multiple reasons:

1. The lack of evidence for the efficacy of cloth masks
2. Possible adverse effects through false sense of security (especially for those most vulnerable to complications who may feel it is safe to stop isolating at home)
3. Recognized instances where face coverings are not feasible or could be harmful (people with trouble breathing, incapacitated individuals, deaf or hard of hearing, younger children, people engaging in high intensity activities, those at risk for heat related illness)
4. The violation of civil liberties that some people will feel, especially given points 1-3.

If you would like to discuss this further with me, I am available by cell phone, [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

JoAnn Sperl-Hillen, MD
5201 Dominick Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Jocelyn Anderson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: 7/13 Mtka City Council Comment
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:42:36 AM

Please strongly consider option 3 to mandate that our Minnetonka residents wear masks at all time when inside public spaces. It is not fair to push mandatory mask wearing enforcement to our local businesses. They are already struggling financially, requiring them to require masks will further add to their difficulties.

Jocelyn Anderson
1901 Linner Rd.

From: [Joel Gedan](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:11:14 AM

Hello,

I am a Minnetonka resident for 20 years. Please pass a face mask ordinance to protect me and all the residents of our city.

Thank you,

Joel Gedan

2732 Breckenridge Road

Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [John Souter](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Wearing Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:43:43 PM

I would like add my vote for the ordinance of wearing masks in in the City of Minnetonka.

Dr. John Souter

3302 Breconwood Circle

Wayzata, MN 55391

From: [Jonathan Eisenberg](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask requirement
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:36:38 AM

I am writing to strongly support Minnetonka adopting a face mask requirement. Leaving it optional places everyone in the community at risk during a national epidemic that has already killed over 130,000.

Having no mask requirement also places undue burden on business owners and rank and file employees, even minimum wage employees, who are being put in the position of having to force, and sometimes argue and get verbally if not physically assaulted, over their individual store/business requirement. (Going by what we have seen nationally.)

Also having no mask requirement puts a business that wisely requires masks at a potential financial disadvantage to businesses that do not requirement or can even proclaim "no masks required" or "masks forbidden here." No business trying to do the right thing should be forced to make these kinds of choices or have to be the enforcement arm during a pandemic.

Choosing the economy over public health is not even a realistic choice to make, much less a wise one. We cannot successfully reopen our economy without containing the spread of this invisible virus. Face masks are a simple and easy way to significantly stop the spread.

No one can seriously be heard to complain this infringes their rights or makes it hard to breathe - when health care workers wear masks all day every day. Our family wears masks whenever we go out into any place where other people are around, including stores, sidewalks and trails. This does not impinge our freedom nor does it make it hard to breathe. I have personally worn a face mask on a 12-mile round trip bike ride within Minnetonka and numerous smaller rides. Breathing with a face mask on even during recreation is just fine.

In closing, I encourage the city to adopt a face mask requirement for anyone outdoors or indoors not at home whenever other people are around. I do not think masks should be required for working in the yard or walking around when no one else is within close proximity. It should be required in all businesses including going into and out of restaurants (i.e., when not eating or drinking).

Thank you,

Jon Eisenberg
2721 Bent Tree Circle
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Joseph Manley](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask- in favor
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:49:48 PM

As a hospital nurse who works with covid patient's, I see the devastating effects that COVID has on my patient's. It can affect everyone so differently. Research is now coming out that this virus may have an airborne component as well. I think masks should be mandatory inside, even in restaurants when you are not seated and moving about and in places where you cannot socially distance. It is not fair to put the burden on people who are making minimum wage to enforce a ban that their business has instituted.

Thanks,

Joe Manley
11821 Pheasant Lane,
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Joe Rosenstein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please adopt citywide MASK ordinance for the health and benefit of our Mtkka residents!
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:22:34 AM

Dear Mtkka City Council:

I live in Minnetonka and, as a constituent, ***I fully support adopting a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within 6 feet of others.***

My elderly grandfather, also a Minnetonka resident, is sick with pancreatic cancer. Masking up in public will help deter the spread of Covid and will benefit all, especially our most vulnerable, such as my papa.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Rosenstein

[3425 Oakton Drive](#)

[Minnetonka, MN 55305](#)

From: [Joyce Powell](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: My 2 cents re mandatory masks in Minnetonka.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:56:42 PM

Yes, Yes, YES. I am 100% in favor of:

- Option 3: Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

We've gone thru lot in Minnesota to get our Covid cases down. However the rest of the country is demonstrating how easy it would to ramp up again in a matter of weeks/months.

Why do that when simple mask wearing can be a profound deterrent. (Besides... I HATE going into stores and have other patrons or staff walk right by me without mask) In this period, that's just rude.

Joyce Powell
15540 Wing Lake Drive
Minnetonka

From: [Judith Dahill](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:26:58 AM

PLEASE require face masks in all indoor places other than homes as described in Option 3.
Thanks.

From: [Judy Hardebeck](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:51:28 AM

Hi
I vote for option 3

Thank you

Judy Hardebeck
55575 Bristol Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Judy Meath](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Subject: Upcoming City Council Meeting
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:06:23 PM

We strongly urge the Minnetonka City Council to adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others. We understand that enforcement may be difficult, but it would be the right thing to do. All of us want our businesses to thrive and our children back in school.

To accomplish these two goals, it is smart to adhere to the advice public health experts have given us. As current data tells us, hoping individuals will act on their own adhering to public health guidance has proven to be false hope. To place face masking the sole responsibility for businesses places them in an untenable position with customers who argue against mask wearing. Individuals, Minnetonka businesses and children back in school need the leadership of the City Council.

We know what works to get this virus under control. Adopt Nike's slogan and "just do it". Please adopt a citywide ordinance! Thank you for having the conversation and debate about this very important topic.

Terry and Judy Meath
5555 Wingwood Court
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Julie Freie](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks -- Option 3 - thank you
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:40:59 PM

11900 Live Oak Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Honeywell

Julie Freie

Buildings Engineering

1985 Douglas Drive

Dock 1 - MN10-191-A

Golden Valley, MN 55422

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

From: [Julie Grice](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:21:18 PM

Hello, My name is Julie Grice, and I live in Minnetonka (14017 White Birch Road, 55305). I'm writing in regards to the face mask decision being made at the council meeting on Monday, July 13.

I'd like to encourage you to select Option 3, adopting a citywide ordinance to wear masks. COVID-19 is not going away, and the best thing we can do to keep our community members safe is to socially distance and wear masks when we go out. I've seen so many people at Target or Lund's without masks, and while they may think it is a personal choice, they are actually putting our neighbors at risk. We don't wear masks to protect ourselves—we wear masks to protect the people around us.

I don't want Minnesota to become the next hot-spot for coronavirus cases. I want to see my friends, family, and neighbors stay safe because we are all taking whatever precautions (including wearing masks) that we can. Around the world, the countries that have gotten the virus spread under control most successfully are those where everyone wears masks.

Please help keep Minnetonka safe, and vote to adopt a mask ordinance during this worldwide pandemic.

Thank you,

Julie Grice


From: [Julie Schindel](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask in Minnetonka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:42:00 PM

Good Afternoon

I respectfully submit my opinion that mandating masks is unneeded at this time given the trending stats in Minnesota. In addition, I would hate to see our police force engaged in enforcing this type of ordinance. We've asked too much.

At this time, I would like to see Minnetonka continue without formal action.

Warmest Regards

Julie Schindel
6226 Heathbrook Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

From: [Julie Swanke](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:26:54 PM

Please start requiring people to wear masks in buildings (eg cottage wood store) but not out in public and can maintain 6 ft.

From: [Karen Berg](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:41:05 AM

I vote for mandatory masks, but acknowledge that this puts employees in a position to have to enforce the requirement, and worry that this could be uncomfortable at the least, and dangerous at the worst. And employees in retail business establishments are already at risk. So this may just add to their stress.

Thank you
Karen Berg
14414 Stewart Lane #318
Minnetonka MN 55345
[REDACTED]

From: [Karen Bix](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please make masks mandatory in public places in Minnetonka. Please protect those minnetonkans who are in the higher risk categories by making public spaces safe for them.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:16:32 PM

Dear representative,

More and more evidence shows that masking reduces covid-19 transmission rates. Over the past 2 months we have seen officials - from the Governor down to MN elected representatives at all levels beg and plead with Minnesotans to wear masks. While a majority of perhaps 60-70 per cent do so there is a significant population of people who refuse to wear them in public places. With the growing evidence of indoor aerosol transmission, it seems that it only takes one person not wearing a mask to make a small to moderate space unsafe if that place does not have a completely state of the art ventilation system. The virus droplets hang in the air after an unmasked infected person breathes for at least 3-5 minutes. In any space that does not have the very latest century ventilation systems - one that pushes outside air in and pushes out the old air - the virus droplets can recirculate through air conditioning for hours.

As someone who is immunocompromised I have not felt safe enough to shop at the grocery or other retail shops for the reason that there are still shoppers who refuse to wear masks. The other problem is that some of these anti-maskers are aggressive about violating social distancing. When an unmasked person comes within 6 feet of one it is alarming and often terrifying. Many small business owners are left in the position of having to explain - or argue - with the maskless to put on a mask. Unfortunately this very crucial public health measure has become politicized. It is not fair to leave small business owners without the defense of a local government mandate.

Please make masking mandatory. This will lend authority to businesses who ask shoppers to wear masks - and it will give them pause. Most are law-abiding people who - if they understand something as law- will refrain from violating it.

Please make it safe for those of us with preconditions and the elderly to go shopping again. Until we can feel more secure that everyone in a retail space will be masking we will not be shopping or present in indoor public spaces.

Thank you.

Kit Bix
12201 Westridge Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Karen Ladin](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:07:45 PM

I would like to say that I am in favor of a mask ordinance in Mika. Research shows that the benefits are proven.
Thank you.

Karen Ladin
2521 Abbey Hill Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Karen Pyzdrowski](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:46:22 AM

I support option 3, regarding face masks.
Karen Pyzdrowski
3990 Merriam Rd.

From: [Karl M. Bunday](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Grace Bunday](#); [Bradley Schaeppi](#); [Deborah Calvert](#)
Subject: Comment on Proposed Minnetonka City Ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:43:16 PM

Dear Mr. Salage

I have read press accounts and the Minnetonka City Council's 13 July 2020 meeting agenda about a proposed city ordinance on wearing face masks to mitigate spread of covid-19. I have been a resident of Minnetonka since July 2001 and live in Ward 3, Precinct F.

I walk to do most of my shopping and usually shop in the busy shopping area around the intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 101 in Minnetonka. I am strongly in favor of an ordinance that makes wearing masks in public places mandatory. That will simplify life for store employees and improve their safety. It will make customers more comfortable about shopping in Minnetonka rather than leaving Minnetonka to shop in places where everyone wears masks. I have taken care to review the scientific evidence about wearing masks since the beginning of the covid-19 pandemic and have had masks for personal use since early April, and know where to get more. Indeed, stores here in Minnetonka sell masks and can help provide more masks for the people here who need them.

I would be happy to answer any questions any member of the City Council has about my point of view. For now, please pass on this message to the Council and count me and my wife as strong supporters of a face mask mandatory ordinance for the City of Minnetonka. Stay safe and be well. Thanks for your help.

Karl Bunday (and Grace Bunday)
16865 Saddlewood Trail
Minnetonka, MN 55345-2676

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Karl M. Bunday, independent educational consultant
<http://learninfreedom.org/>

From: [Karla Jennings](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:19:58 AM

I wholeheartedly support mandatory use of masks while indoors In the City of Minnetonka. Nobody enjoys wearing a mask, but it is a small inconvenience compared to the impact of spreading the virus. As we know, people with the virus can be unaware and asymptomatic, so we need everybody to wear a mask because we cannot know who is infected.

Waiting for a surge in infections before requiring masks is an easier sell, but misses the valuable opportunity for early prevention.

Finally, I believe businesses will benefit from a mask requirement, because customers will feel safer when they know everybody is masked, and this will improve customer traffic.

It is my understanding that Edina has mandated the use of masks and I encourage Minnetonka to do so as well. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this issue.

Karla Jennings
4330 Windwood Way, Minnetonka

From: [Katherine Plotnik](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask Options
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:20:09 AM

As an employee of Minnetonka, I would like to comment on the consideration for face masks for the July 13th meeting. I STRONGLY feel that Option 1 – encouragement with no formal action is the best option. This whole virus has been blown out of proportion with inaccurate numbers. We are all individuals and therefore should worry about ourselves. For those that feel they need to wear a mask and that their health is at risk can wear a mask, which should be of their choosing. If they feel threatened by the virus, they should take their own precautions – we are all responsible for ourselves – not others.

One of the greatest compliments we can receive is an introduction from quality people like you. So, don't keep us a secret!



Katherine E. Bomstad Plotnik
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Minnetonka, MN 55343

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From: [Kathy Kannenberg](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:55:33 AM

I firmly support mandatory face mask usage in indoor settings.

Kathy Kannenberg
4831 Westminster Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Kathy Simon Zack](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:02:24 AM

I would be in favor of option 3....

Thank you.

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Kathy Simon Zack
2627 Cedar Green
Minnetonka, MN 55305
[REDACTED]

From: [Katie Copenhagen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: City mask ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:27:04 PM

Good afternoon.

As a Minnetonka resident, I would like to express my thoughts on the proposal for a city wide mask ordinance. As surrounding cities, including Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Edina have adopted, I believe that the city of Minnetonka should also adopt a city wide ordinance to make the wearing of masks indoors mandatory for those over the age of 12, and strongly suggested for those between 2-10, realizing that those that are younger often times have difficulty properly wearing masks. I believe this is a social responsibility to protect those that are immune compromised, elderly, etc. and many in our community act selfishly and do not regard the safety and health of those around them, nor do they believe the scientific facts that are in front of them that show how serious Covid is. By making this a city wide ordinance, we are taking the responsibility out of the hands of individual businesses and showing as a city that we take the health and safety of our community members seriously.

Thank you for considering the importance of wearing a mask. I will continue to do so for my neighbors, I hope they do the same for me and my loved ones.

Katie Copenhagen
15561 Wing Lake Dr.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Katie Liegel](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Option 3; Mask Ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:39:48 PM

I wanted to write in support of

- **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

This is common sense, in line with CDC guidance and is the cheapest and most simple way to stop the spread.

Moreover, I would feel more comfortable visiting shops and commercial establishments if masks are required. Right now, I only shop in Edina because they have this ordinance in place and I feel more safe there than in my own neighborhood.

Finally, re: option 2: it is unfair to put the burden on businesses to both implement and police policies for public safety, when that is the first and most important function of government to keep its citizens safe.

Thanks,
Katie Liegel
13730 Coyote Ct
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Kay Goldstein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory masks.
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:03:06 PM

Hi! I support mandatory masks for Minnetonka for all in door places and for out doors when not socially distanced.
I hope this passes!

Thank you

Kay Goldstein.

2110 Austrian Pine Lane

Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Kelly Anderson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask options
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:38:35 PM

Option 1: Continue encouragement with no formal action

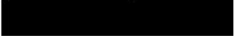
Kelly Anderson
5631 Scenic Drive, Minnetonka

I will not support any business that requires a mask. This ordinance is 4 months too late. Let's not forget the numbers increased when MN Gov Walz encouraged the spread by placing virus victims within facilities with vulnerable adults.

From: [Kelly Logeais](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks Are Needed.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:18:41 PM

I live and work in Minnetonka. I am in retail where mask are not mandated. Please protect me and my fellow workers. We wear mask to protect our customers, they need mask to protect us . This is the only way business will be able to remain open.

Kelly Logeais
16606 Devon Drive
Minnetonka,MN



From: [Kelsea Fehlen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:04:09 AM

My family and I support a face mask ordinance. When collective data is considered, there is a significant difference in the ability to control the spread of the virus between demographics that vary in mask use.

Thank you for supporting public health.

Sincerely,
Kelsea Fehlen

From: [Kevin Campion](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:16:57 PM

To the members of the City Council,

The effort required to wear a mask is minimal and the benefits to the community are potentially lifesaving. Wearing a mask and keeping your distance respects and minimizes the risks to others.

To me it seems like a common courtesy.

Please adopt option 3.

Many thanks,
Kevin

Kevin Campion
15400 Highland Heights Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55345
30 year resident of Minnetonka

From: [Kevin Christy](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:40:25 PM

This isn't the right approach. This will kill businesses that are barely surviving. Please reconsider.

From: [Kim and Michael Schafer](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:40:16 PM


Please make masks mandatory in Minnetonka. Let's work together to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Thank you,
Kim and Mike Schafer
4742 Temple Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Kim Cassens](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:16:12 PM

Hello,

I am a business owner in Minnetonka and it has been extremely hard to request face masks be worn in our store. There are many differing opinions by customers on if they really work or even protect people; varying to, it is hard to understand people with masks and requests to have my workers remove their own masks. I am mandating our staff wear masks and request customers to wear them, however there is a large majority who do not or will not wear them when entering my store. I strongly believe that if it is not mandated/required by the city or government then people will not comply with business owners' requests.

Thanks,
Kim Cassens | Owner
Nothing Bundt Cakes
12987 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305


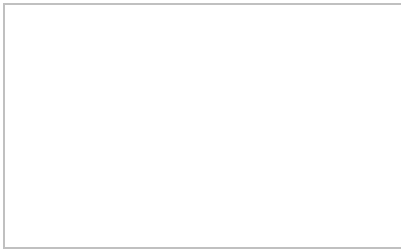
From: [Kimberly Wilburn](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:58:32 PM

I'm writing to support passing a mask ordinance in Minnetonka.

Kimberly Wilburn
1624 Welland Ave.
Minnetonka, MN 55305

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Kimberly Wilburn
She/Her/Hers



From: [Kristi Bader](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Support mandatory masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:06:30 AM

I definitely support wearing masks in all stores. I went in to Strong Liquors where we normally shop, and for the 2nd time I went in and they weren't wearing masks. There was one man in the beer cooler who was wearing one, but other than that...nothing. So I left and we decided we wouldn't shop there anymore. Sad, because we like to support the local businesses and have shopped there for many years. Not any more.

We support mandatory masks in stores in Minnetonka (and everywhere).

Kristi Bader and Gary Swartz
2640 Cedar Green
Minnetonka.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:20:10 PM

I strongly support “option 3”, requiring face masks in public. There is much we don’t know about this virus, but we do know face masks reduce the spread by asymptomatic people. People have more confidence in going out if they know people will wear masks. I left Ridgedale yesterday, aghast at all the people without masks, and do not plan to go back! In addition, I would publicize the type of HVAC air filtration used in a particular building.

Requiring masks would reduce infections and help the economy. It’s an obvious decision.

Dr. Kristin Benson
2501 Mayflower Avenue
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Laura Hoskins](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:25:57 PM

I would like Minnetonka to seriously consider option 3 for masks required. Other cities have adopted that proposal. It is a sensible thing to do to try to handle this public health crisis. We need leaders that understand this is an issue of public health and not a conspiracy against our individual freedoms.

It is frustrating to see and hear from people in other cities citing conspiracy theories as reasons why we cannot contain or handle a public health issue. I hope Minnetonka leaders can use common sense and scientific data to aid in public health policy.

Laura Hoskins
3534 Druid Ln
Minnetonka MN 55345

From: [Laura Owen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Wearing Ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:47:53 PM

I strongly encourage the city council to adopt Option 3:

Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within 6 feet of others.

The scientific evidence strongly supports this approach. To fail to lead, even if unpopular with some portion of our people, is a dereliction of your responsibilities to take all reasonable measures to support of the health and safety of our community.

Laura Owen
5552 Bristol Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Lauren Hoffman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: We support masks for everyone
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:19:48 PM

Lauren Hoffman
13709 Coyote Court, Minnetonka

From: [Lauri Carlson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:03:04 PM

Please do the right thing
Masks Foster a caring for others message.

From: [Laurie Fitch](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:57:02 AM

Please mandate wearing of masks in Minnetonka. Two weeks ago I came back to Minnetonka from my home in Florida and I have seen first-hand the effects of NOT wearing masks. Please save this beautiful state from the explosion of Covid-19 that Florida is experiencing.

Laurie Fitch
11551 Fetterly Lane

From: [Leora Maccabee](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comments RE: Emergency Face Coverings Ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:39:51 PM

Good evening.

My name is Leora Maccabee, and I'm a mom of 2 who lives in nearby Plymouth, MN. I am submitting these comments regarding the Emergency Face Coverings Ordinance that the Minnetonka City Council is considering on July 13, 2020 at your meeting. I have also submitted a request to comment at the meeting, but just in case that is not possible, I thought it was important to submit these comments in writing as well.

I am urging you to adopt Option 3, a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

As a mom of two, I am very concerned about COVID-19. I am concerned about my children becoming infected with the virus, and passing it to my parents, one of whom is a cancer survivor. I am concerned about them spreading it to me and my fiancé. I am concerned about one of us spreading it to my 93-year-old grandma, who has many health conditions.

We are very careful when we go out in public as a result. We wear masks. We social distance. But we need to go into stores. We choose the stores where we think most people will wear masks, but we often are forced to stand close to people who aren't wearing masks and refuse to social distance. In addition, we watch as those same people stand right next to or in front of cashiers and customer service representatives who cannot walk away, who have to engage with them, and smile, and help them despite the fact that by doing their job, they are putting their health at risk. Their lives at risk.

No, we don't live in Minnetonka. But if Minnetonka passed a mandatory mask ordinance we would do all our shopping in Minnetonka. We would only shop at the Whole Foods in Minnetonka, the Target in Minnetonka, at Dick's, and Michael's, and Ridgedale. We would drive out of our way because we would know that the City has made our health and the health of the people at those shops and restaurants and public buildings a priority.

In Edina, residents in apartment buildings and condo buildings must wear masks in public areas. We just left an apartment building in Golden Valley because we were the only people wearing masks in the public areas and we felt endangered as a result. There are thousands of seniors and high risk individuals in apartment and condo buildings in Minnetonka. They need you to pass this mandatory mask ordinance so they are protected when they enter the building, walk the hallways, get their packages and mail, or dispose of their garbage. Otherwise each such trip is a risk to their health that they shouldn't have to take.

If Minnetonka passes this mandatory mask ordinance, neighboring cities will follow. COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon. Eventually there will be mandatory mask ordinances in other cities, and hopefully statewide. It is courageous to be one of the first. And it can be hard. But sometimes, in

times like these, we must do what is hard, because it helps all of us.

Please do. Please pass this emergency mandatory mask ordinance in Minnetonka. Please approve Option 3. We all will be watching.

Thank you.

- Leora Maccabee, on behalf of my fiance Sam, and children Lisa and Benny

From: [Leslie Herman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: I Support Mandatory Facemasks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:19:08 PM

Given the recent staggering increases in COVID cases we're seeing across the country now, I believe a requirement to wear a mask is needed now, before we start seeing big jumps locally. Let's get ahead of the curve!

I realize enforcement may be an issue. But any increase in the number of people wearing a mask (when it is mandated by law) is a good thing. So I believe the up side of mandating masks outweighs the down side.

These recent news items also reinforce the need for this mandate.

- Goldman Sachs said that a federal mask mandate [could prevent a 5 percent hit on the nation's G.D.P.](#) by reducing the number of daily transmissions and avoiding the need for further lockdowns, [CNBC reports](#). (New York Times)
- Every state should have a mask requirement to help prevent the country from seeing 100,000 cases per day, according to Harvard Global Health Institute director Ashish K. Jha.
 - "I just think we can't dither around on masks," he said Wednesday morning on ABC television's "Good Morning America." "Everyone needs to be wearing one when they're outside of their home." (The Washington Post)
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/07/01/coronavirus-live-updates-us/>

Other MN cities recently added this requirement and our governor is considering it. given the recent huge increases in COVID cases we're seeing across the country now, I believe a requirement to wear a mask along with a message that this protects transmission of the disease is needed now.

Thank you.

Regards,

Leslie Herman
4421 Hunters Ridge Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Leslie Nerenberg](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:30:49 AM

Hello

I would like the City to require mandatory masks !
Epidemiologists know more science than we do! Pls vote REQUIRE.

Thank You
Leslie and Lex Nerenberg
2821 Danbury Way
Minnetonka 55305

From: [Libby Parker](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:53:46 PM

Hello,

I am not a Minnetonka resident but my kids go to Minnetonka schools and we live just over the border in Chanhassen, which means I often do business in Minnetonka - Pilates studio, Target, restaurants, retail, the list goes on.

While I have found the vast majority of people and businesses to already participate in wearing masks, I'd encourage Minnetonka to adopt a mask ordinance. All the science points to the benefits of mask wearing as we are forced to live with this pandemic and I think it only makes sense to require them in indoor public settings.

If you pass the ordinance, I am much more likely to spend my money in Minnetonka because I want to shop where it's most safe.

I also think we have a much better chance of getting schools back in session if we keep transmission low in Minnetonka and the surrounding areas. This should not be political, this is basic public health.

Thank you for your consideration.

Libby Parker




From: [Licia Strick](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please mandate masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:14:16 PM

Be the leader in protecting all of us.

From: [Lin Mulhern](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:59:23 PM

Yes! Masks are a must everywhere!
Thanks for asking!

Linda Mulhern
5900 Stoneybrook Dr.
Minnetonka, MN 55345


From: [Linda Eliason](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: mask mandate
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:19:15 PM

Hi Kyle,

I'm writing in support of a face mask mandate by the City of Minnetonka. A better option would be a national or statewide mandate, but those are not currently in force.

I am much more comfortable shopping in a store if the majority of shoppers and workers are in a face mask, and have avoided or left stores where masks are not prevalent. The IHME projects that 45,000 lives could be saved by November 1 if everyone would wear a mask in public.

(<https://www.ibtimes.com/coronavirus-related-deaths-us-could-cross-200000-november-scientific-model-predicts-3007148>)

This is something we can do to help everyone! It's an easy and inexpensive way to show that we care about our neighbors!

Thank you!

Linda Eliason

4313 Lancelot Drive

Minnetonka

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From: [Linda Martinson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask - Please choose Option 1
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:15:55 PM

Hi,

If we, citizens, have a vote in the face mask options, please choose Option 1: Continue encouragement with no formal action. As it is, I see more people wearing masks in the grocery stores, etc. than those not wearing it. I wear a mask. Mandating it doesn't make sense and would only annoy people because they are being told what to do. People should be able to make their own choices. Businesses have already been asked to follow state guidelines. In my opinion, they are also already doing the best they can to comply and keep their business going. Can we please leave it as is?

Thank you,

Linda Martinson
16725 Canterbury Dr
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Lindsay Kozek](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Meeting on masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:38:27 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am unable to attend the upcoming meeting regarding mask usage in Minnetonka. I would like it to be known, I hope the members of the city council use judgement based on medical facts and opinions from medical leaders and experts, rather than political opinions. I would like to see them invoke a city wide mask ordinance during this pandemic.

Lindsay Mortensen
16617 Bywood Place
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Lindsay Mortensen



From: [Lionel Locke](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask considerations
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:13:05 AM

I reviewed the options the Council will review on Monday the 13th. My view is that Option # 3 makes more sense. A city wide mandate contains more weight than just encouragement. We all need to try and stay safe until we see better news on the pandemic.

Lionel Locke
2240 Plymouth Road, Apt. 315
Minnetonka, MN 55305



From: [Lisa Haider](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Usage
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:16:35 AM


I believe if we are to protect Minnetonka citizens, a mask ordinance should be enacted requiring everyone to wear a mask. Too many people are not wearing masks and endangering employees and others. The evidence is clear masks are necessary and the evidence is clear one superspreader can affect a lot of people. I don't feel safe shopping when others are unmasked.

Thank you,
Lisa Haider
2550 Cedar Hills Dr, Minnetonka MN 55305

From: [Lisa Schmid](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Yes please
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:52:16 AM

Please mandate masks inside all buildings!!!

Thanks!

Lisa Schmid
12228 James Road
Minnetonka, MN 55343


From: [Lisa Speeter Diessner](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:43:51 PM

Good afternoon,

My family of six, including me, lives in Minnetonka (Beechwood Avenue). We absolutely love it here!! Please consider adopting an ordinance requiring cloth masks for the interim. Let's work together to keep our community healthy and safe, so we can begin to get back to (a more socially just) normal sooner rather than later.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Lisa

Lisa, Pete, Gianna, Grayden, Milara and Jordana Diessner
[REDACTED]

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From: [Lisa Tobey](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:38:07 AM

I find it difficult to understand why this is such a hot button issue with people. At a minimum, wearing a mask in public is easy to do and requires no major sacrifice from the wearer. It does nothing to harm the wearer or others around them. At most, it lessens the probability that the wearer and those around them will pass or contract a highly contagious virus whose long term effects on those who contract it are still unknown. Lower infection rates also allow our medical personnel and hospitals to better pace delivery of services. A health system overburdened with COVID patients is less available for others needing emergency services.

100% in favor of masks - and if our president and governor are unwilling to mandate them for fear of political ramifications, I hope our city officials can have the strength to do what is right.

Lisa Tobey
4829 Lamplighters Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Lori Strommen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks: Please Continue encouragement with no formal action
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:17:26 AM

No Formal Action Needed on Face Masks Please

Lori Strommen
19001 Kingswood Terrace
Minnetonka, MN 55345



From: [Lynne Hvidsten](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please Require Masks - Yes, adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or withing six feet of others.
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:59:03 PM

Dear Minnetonka City Council,

I am a resident of Minnetonka and am emailing you about the Council's July 13th discussion to consider a requirement to wear masks.

I ask the Council to adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others. I request this option (#3) be implemented and not Option #1 or #2. .

There are times when it is appropriate for our government leaders to create such ordinances or requirements. This is one of those times.

COVID is a public health crisis. In the best interest of our community's public health, please require the wearing of masks. Doing so is similar to a city, state, or nation mandating the use of seat belts or bike helmets.

Neither says we cannot drive or cycle. Both make it safer for us to drive and cycle. Seat belts and helmets decrease the risks of death and serious injury. I see requiring masks as doing the same, i.e. allowing everyone the opportunity to do what they want to do (e.g. shop, socialize, etc.), yet making it safer to do so. Requiring the use of masks will make our community safer. By increasing the numbers of people wearing masks, we will decrease the numbers of people who get COVID, and therefore, also decrease the numbers of COVID-related deaths.

I personally have friends who got COVID: one was ill at home for a long time; one was ill in the hospital for a long time; and one died of COVID. I want us to do more to beat COVID. Requiring the use of masks is one one more thing we can do.

Thank you for considering my perspective and request.

Lynne Hvidsten
11831 Minnetonka Blvd, Hopkins, MN 55305



From: [Lynnea Pritchett](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:48:45 PM

Please mandate masks! Today I drove to Jerry's in Edina rather than our local Lunds because I get too upset seeing the many without masks. Let's listen to the medical experts and protect employees and customers.

Thank you!

Lynnea Pritchett
4562 Wilson St
Minnetonka MN 55345

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:26:36 PM

I completely disagree with all mask wearing. I will NOT be shopping at any stores in minnetonka which is a weekly stop and multiple stores for my family. Along with eating at resurants.

From: [Malia Brandt](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: In favor of masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:08:38 PM

To whom it may concern, I am a regular citizen not in a high risk group and most definitely in favor of masks being required indoors across Minnetonka.

Thank you for looking out for the safety of our entire community!

Malia Brandt
4200 Trail Ridge Ln
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Margaret Hancock](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:07:01 AM

Hi Kyle,

Well I wish to go on record that I do not believe in mandatory face masks. I feel a person should be able to make their own decision on that item. people should remain very careful with the distancing and any possible symptoms . I can't see any benefit in starting making rules and ordinances about what we wear. How in the world would you ever enforce it.

Margaret Hancock
4121 Dynasty Drive
Mtka. Mn.

From: [Margot Rosenstein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please adopt citywide MASK ordinance for the health and benefit of our Mtkka residents!
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:05:38 PM

Dear Mtkka City Council:

I live in Minnetonka and, as a constituent, ***I fully support adopting a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within 6 feet of others.***

My elderly father, also a Minnetonka resident, is sick with pancreatic cancer. Masking up in public will help deter the spread of Covid and will benefit all, especially our most vulnerable, such as my dad.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margot Rosenstein

3425 Oakton Drive

Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Maria Jette](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please MANDATE mask-wearing— for the common good.
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:04:32 PM

Dear City of Minnetonka,

I live in Deephaven, but my grocery stores are mainly Lakewinds and the Cub & Target on 101. I'm about to abandon Lakewinds (and I'm a 25+ year member) over the mask issue— staff must wear them; but shoppers are merely “encouraged” to do so. As a result, the ca. 20% of unmasked shoppers in that rather small, low-ceilinged building are potentially emitting virus droplets and aerosols in the workspace of staff *who can't escape* for an 8 hour shift. Obviously, I'm getting it too— but only for half an hour.


Cub is much larger, so the concentration is presumably diluted there, as at Target, but I would still be relieved to see masks be MANDATORY at all these stores (and every store!).

As for the very small number of people who can't wear masks for health reasons, nearly all could use FACE SHIELDS (I use one myself): easy to breathe, and the face is completely visible; plus they provide much more protection from others' droplets and aerosols, and unlike cloth masks, shield the eyes of the wearer.

A local provider (\$7.95 ea, shipping included, and bulk discounts) is www.affordablefaceshields.com

I've shopped at other co-op markets in the metro (The Wedge, Seward and Mississippi Market), and ALL have a mandatory-mask policy for shoppers as well as workers. That's the only way we're going to get everyone to do it, sadly. I hope you'll move to protect all residents and shoppers in Minnetonka, and help end the Covid scourge that much sooner.

Sincerely,
Maria Jette
19555 Excelsior Blvd.
Deephaven, MN 55331

Maria Jette


From: [Marilyn Bix](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:57:13 PM

I'm in favor of mandatory masks in Minnetonka and frankly in the whole metro area

Marilyn Bix

11649 Foxhall Road

Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Mark Birnbaum](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re: Comment for July 13 mask ordinance consideration
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:41:38 AM

I am speaking on behalf of all residents of 325 Townes Rd, in case the council feels they need to tally numbers before they will put this unprecedented short-term ordinance into place. It may not be a popular decision (even if a simple majority agrees). You can't please everybody, but you can do your best to keep everybody alive. The added costs of Covid on the Minnetonka budget can be quantified, so save us some money.

It's a shame we are wasting time because the mayor/council haven't had the cojones (definition: boldness or courage needed to do something.(not the other definition)). The mayor's message just before July 4th weekend, "We haven't mandated masks for many reasons, including the lack of a state or county directive" was disappointing. Many other mayors have regretted such poor decisions on behalf of their communities. We have bad guidance and decision making from the top down, and the bottom up.

Mark Birnbaum
325 Townes Road
Wayzata, MN 55391

From: [Mark Birnbaum](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comment for July 13 mask ordinance consideration
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:38:52 AM

Please choose option 3: Masks are required community-wide at this extraordinary time.

The failure at the national level and state level to control the spread of this pandemic by such a simple measure is no reason why the community can't protect its residents.

Communities pass ordinances to reduce unacceptable exposure to cigarette smoke, unsafe driving, storage of flammables or explosives, toxins, unique building and fire regulations, drug sale/use and more because they are public safety and health issues.

This is a public safety issue requiring a simple, but effective, shorter term ordinance.

Mark Birnbaum
325 Townes Road
Wayzata, MN 55391

From: [Mark Koenig](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:53:18 PM

Please pass a mask ordinance

Mark Koenig
11540 Wing Lake Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345



From: [Mary Cook](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks, option #3
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:04:49 PM

Hello: As a Minnetonka resident, I choose option 3—face masks mandatory in Minnetonka. It is time to start thinking about the common good. Thank you, Mary Cook. 18029 Priory Lane.

From: [Mary Fuller](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:29:48 PM

Dear Minnetonka City Council:

As a new Minnetonka home owner, I'm reaching out to ask you to please pass a mandatory mask rule to help protect all the residents, employees and visitors in our community. Please follow the example of Edina and Mankato and do not exclude service businesses, multi-tenant office buildings and apartment buildings from the rule.

Thank you.

Mary Fuller
4827 Lamplighters Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Mary Nelson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate Support
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:39:53 AM

Hello,

I'm writing in support of Option 3 of the mask mandate up for consideration in the next City Council meeting. I strongly believe experts on the matter and that we should all be wearing masks when indoors in order to drastically decrease infection risk. This crisis has been difficult for everyone, but as someone with autoimmune disorders that require immunosuppressant treatment, it has been particularly scary for me. I am also at high risk of complications if I get infected and it has been hard seeing people on social media and the news flippantly proclaim that my life is worth risking in order to maintain their own comfort.

Furthermore, I believe that a mask mandate would remove some of the social stigma of wearing a mask. When I've gone shopping, I have noticed that people who don't wear masks also tend not to keep at least 6 feet from others. In some instances, I've even noticed people giving me dirty looks and going out of their way to walk closer to me, even when there is plenty of room for them to go around. After seeing people blow up when confronted in several instances on social media, it makes me fearful to confront these people and tell them to give me space. I do not feel safe and I know there are many others in our community like me. Now that cities like Edina have implemented a mask mandate, I've considered going there for the time being to shop.

Please support a mask mandate for all indoor spaces to protect our entire community and local economy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Nelson
10513 Belmont Road
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks in public spaces
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:22:59 PM

Hello,

My recommendation is to approve mandatory Mask wearing within the City of Minnetonka as stated in option #3. Why?

1. Mask wearing has been proven to slow the spread of Covid19 according to the CDC and other reputable institutions.
2. Businesses are reluctant to put their employees in harms way to enforce mask wearing. Even security companies will not take on contracts with a business owner when government has not make a mandatory ruling requiring masks in public places.
3. Minnetonka is in Hennepin County with the largest number of deaths, positive cases and ISU cases in the state. Minnetonka citizens and visitors are exposed and transmitting the virus knowing or unknowingly.
4. Heated conversations on Next door are very unsettling for Minnetonka residents and neighborhoods. There are many anti-mask citizens which indicates there is a population that does not care about the well being of people they don't know.


Please take a leadership position and make the difficult decision to vote for #3. It is the right step at the right time. Any other option will not change behaviors.

Thank you.

Mary A. Pepin
15111 Stone Ridge Trace
Wayzata, MN 55391


From: [Mary Timmington](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:09:55 AM

Please!!!! Mandate the wearing of masks in public!
“Encouraging” and “requesting” clearly has not worked!
We have been self isolating since the beginning of this and would LOVE to be able to go into a store/shop but cannot risk it until EVERYONE is wearing a mask.
PLEASE!

Mary Timmington
18106 Woolman Drive
Minnetonka


From: [Matt Liegel](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandate
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:55:47 PM

Please require mask usage within the city of Minnetonka. Don't force our local businesses to have to choose sides in what has become a polarizing political issue instead of the common sense public health issue that it should be.

Matthew Liegel
13730 Coyote Court, Minnetonka 55305


From: [Maureen Drewitz](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:07:54 AM

Please consider requiring masks be worn in indoor public places, retail, etc. It would greatly help retail establishments; some of them are doing their best with “encouraging” mask wearing, distancing, but they don’t have the “teeth” that a citywide Requirement would give them. As an example, I was in Whole Foods a couple weeks ago mask on(Whole Foods has a big sign asking people to wear a mask, maintain distance, and follow directional tape with big “stop wrong way” signs on opposite aisles) A young unmasked woman repeatedly came very close to me in the produce section, then every aisle I went down she was coming at me from the wrong clearly marked way meeting me head on. Clearly there was an attitude here! I mentioned it at checkout and was told the manager doesn’t want to confront people; I can’t blame them with no ordinance to cite. Edina and other cities already have this in place. Thank you for your consideration; please act on this soon!

Maureen Drewitz
2600 Sylvan Rd S
Minnetonka 55305

From: [Megan San Giacomo](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comment on face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:45:53 PM


Dear Minnetonka City Council-

Thank you for considering this public safety measure.

I support option #1, do not require individuals or businesses to use face masks.

While properly worn surgical face masks can reduce COVID transmission, I am concerned because I have observed that most non-medical people in our community do not wear face masks properly. All too often, noses are left poking over the top of the mask, store employees remove their masks to hold conversations, and all people (Even some of us doctors!) frequently touch their face and face masks because they can be uncomfortable! People feel a false sense of security when they and others wear masks. Speaking as a family physician, maintaining 6+ feet of distance and frequent hand washing is much more important than mask wearing. I worry the masks actually could increase COVID spread through the mechanisms described above, particularly if folks become more lax on other precautions because they think the mask provides more protection than they realize.

Sincerely,

Megan San Giacomo, MD
13301 Windyhill Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55305


From: [Meira Besikof](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:27:58 PM

I am emailing my support for an ordinance requiring masks indoors or within 6 feet of others. Thank you
Meira Besikof
16103 Crosby Cove

From: [Melanie Vinokur](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:04:58 AM

Please do not make face masks mandatory. The city of Minnetonka is not in charge of my family's healthcare.

Melanie Vinokur
3607 Farmington Rd

From: [Michael Franklin](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:46:34 AM

Dear Minnetonka city council,

I oppose making it mandatory for Minnetonka residents to use face masks to limit the spread of SARS-CoV-2. The infection mortality rate has been estimated to be about 0.25%. Among people younger than 70 years old, the infection fatality rate is about 0.05%. A link to the evidence supporting the prior statements is provided below.

Mandatory use of face masks is a draconian response to SARS-CoV-2. A much wiser policy that doesn't infringe on personal freedoms or hurt the Minnetonka economy is to encourage Minnetonka residents older than 70 years to limit their social interactions or even shelter in place until a vaccine has been developed or herd immunity has been achieved naturally through the spread of the virus through the community.

If Minnetonka makes face masks mandatory, our family will be doing our shopping in neighboring areas that don't require face masks.

Sincerely,
Michael Franklin
5819 Oakview Circle
Minnetonka, MN

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.05.13.20101253v2>

The infection fatality rate of COVID-19 inferred from seroprevalence data

John Ioannidis

Abstract

Objective To estimate the infection fatality rate of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) from data of seroprevalence studies. **Methods** Population studies with sample size of at least 500 and published as peer-reviewed papers or preprints as of June 7, 2020 were retrieved from PubMed, preprint servers, and communications with experts. Studies on blood donors were included, but studies on healthcare workers were excluded. The studies were assessed for design features and seroprevalence estimates. Infection fatality rate was estimated from each study dividing the number of COVID-19 deaths at a relevant time point by the number of estimated people infected in each relevant region. Correction was also attempted accounting for the types of antibodies assessed. **Results** 23 studies were identified with usable data to enter into calculations. Seroprevalence estimates ranged from 0.1% to 47%. Infection fatality rates ranged from 0.02% to 0.86% (median 0.26%) and corrected values ranged from 0.02% to 0.78% (median 0.25%). Among people <70 years old, infection fatality rates ranged from 0.00% to 0.26% with median of 0.05% (corrected, 0.00-0.23% with median of 0.04%). Most studies were done in pandemic epicenters and the few studies done in locations with more modest death burden also suggested lower infection fatality rates. **Conclusions** The infection fatality rate of COVID-19 can vary substantially across different locations and this may reflect differences in population age structure and case-mix of infected and deceased patients as well as multiple other factors. Estimates of infection fatality rates inferred from seroprevalence studies tend to be much lower than original speculations made in the early days of the pandemic.

From: [Michael Zontelli](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask wearing Michael Zontelli 5732 Kipling Ave Mtna Mn 55345
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:39:36 PM

I would like to offer support for a adoption of a new Mask policy for Minnetonka. The preponderance of scientific evidence shows mask wearing reduces the transmissibility of COVID-19 by reducing transmission of infected droplets/aerosol spread. Public mask wearing is most effective reducing spread of the virus when compliance is high. It isn't nearly as effective if portions of population refuse. The decreased transmissibility could substantially reduce the death toll and economic impact while the cost of the intervention is low. Local, state, and Federal governments in-act all kinds of laws to protect citizens. Minnetonka government has a moral responsibility to follow science and protect all citizens. I have a longer history and bit more education on wearing masks. I had a kidney transplant at Mayo Clinic and struggled with low immunity. Wearing a mask has given me a indispensable component to help keep me safe. The last few years I've worn a mask to fly, attend sporting events or during heavy flu season. It's a small inconvenience but also small human investment to help saves lives. Especially for people like me who take immune suppression drugs. This really is an easy decision, protect lives, and in return insure we don't have to close society. I urge council members to make the correct moral decision. Please mandate mask wearing inside all buildings in Minnetonka.

Warmest Regards,

Michael H. Zontelli
5732 Kipling Ave
Mtna,Mn,55345

From: [Michaela Graeb](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:13:03 AM

Since people seem to be their own worst enemy in case of wearing face masks it should be mandatory to wear them when in public. Compassion towards one fellow citizens does not seem to exist in this case. A fine should be attached to not wearing the mask.

Most Sincerely

Michaela Graeb
17302 Bridgewater Circle
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Michelle Bertch](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory mask policy
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:33:10 AM

I am not a Minnetonka resident. But I am a Minnetonka frequent goer and shopper (Lakewinds, Life Time Fitness, Minnetonka Farmer's Market, Minnetonka Park and Rec programs, my house of worship, restaurants, etc etc etc)...

If someone wants to wear a mask, great. If not, they have a right as Americans to make such decisions about their own health. That is between them and their DOCTORS. There are plenty of reasons that people do not wear a mask, none the least of which include mental health, trauma, breathing issues, and the fact that studies have shown over and over and over that masks do NOT stop the transmission of viruses, with some studies showing the opposite that they increase the transmission of disease.

I would encourage you to buy an oxygen meter along with a pulse reader so you can see and monitor directly what a mask does to you and your children's ability to breathe!

I have lived nearby and frequented the City of Minnetonka, participating in programs for over 30 YEARS. Should Minnetonka implement such a move to eliminate people's liberties, which a "mandatory mask policy" will do, I will absolutely and completely discontinue my spending in the city, that goes for me and for my entire extended family who all live in the neighboring suburbs and frequent Minnetonka.

Thank you for taking into account the health of ALL, by not infringing on our rights to breathe.

A very concerned citizen,
~Michelle
Resident of Plymouth

From: [Michelle Chester](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Upcoming council mask discussion
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:29:11 PM

Hello,

My family and I live at 15821 Sunset Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55345. I would like to encourage the city council to **enforce a mandatory mask mandate when inside a business or store**. We have too much to lose by continuing with the status quo right now.

Thank you,

Michelle

From: [Michelle Shainess](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: In support of Mask Ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:48:03 PM

Hello,

Thank you for considering a mask ordinance for the city of Minnetonka. My family would be in support of this in order to help protect residents. We are in support of adopting a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

Thank you,
Michelle Shainess
5938 Lone Lake Loop
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Mike Schmitz](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:06:08 PM

> On Jul 11, 2020, at 8:20 AM, john m schmitz <jmstz12144@comcast.net> wrote:
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> I favor options 1 & 2. Mike schmitz, 5383 Ashcroft Road, Minnetonka

Earlier today I sent in a response to the face mask issue but now after giving more thought to this issue I offer the following comments: Both my wife and I are age 70 or older. We are retired. I have both COPD & heart disease. Both of us have since day one of the Virus worn face masks when warranted and have maintained social distancing when appropriate. We have limited our out of the house travel. But don't tell me I must wear mask whenever I leave my house. I think merchants and other places of public access should have the right to require masks or not to require masks. What is next? The government telling us when we can go to the grocery store, gas station, etc.?

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:20:25 AM

I favor options 1 & 2. Mike schmitz, 5383 Ashcroft Road, Minnetonka

From: [Missy Moore](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandate in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:32:35 AM

Hi,

I would love to see Minnetonka make wearing masks covering mouth AND nose mandatory in public. It should be mandatory everywhere in Minnesota and the entire nation. It's a no-brainer to help slow down the virus. I'd love to be able to shop again. I only go to Costco where masks are mandatory for all. I haven't set foot in any other business since March!

Thank you,
Melissa Moore
4956 Clear Spring Rd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please Do NOT Require Masks In Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:23:59 AM

Hello!

I am respectfully AGAINST the passing of any city ordinances that would require the wearing of masks in the City of Minnetonka. We don't need it!

Thank you,

Monica Schreiner
5809 Bellham Ave.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Nancy Anderson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:47:16 PM

Dear Council Members

Please vote to require a city wide ordinance to require face masks.

My husband and I think the medical information supports this very important decision to protect all of the citizens of Minnetonka.

Nancy and Doug Anderson

6027 Stoneybrook Drive

Minnetonka, Minnesota 55345



From: [Nathan Roiger](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Council to consider face mask options
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 12:17:19 PM

I would like to express my support for a city-wide mask requirement.

Minnetonka should do its part by preventing the spread of novel coronavirus within the community and wearing a mask is one of the most effective ways to protect yourself and others from getting infected.

Respectfully,

Nate Roiger
15009 Lake Street Extension
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Nicole Middendorf](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:53:47

I own a business at 494/7 and I am against requiring healthy people to wear masks. We are not having clients or vendors to our building. Only my employees and I are here. We are taking all precautions.

Nicole

One of the greatest compliments we can receive is an introduction from quality people like you. So, don't keep us a secret!



Nicole N. Middendorf, CDFP
CEO
Wealth Advisor, RJFS

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Minnetonka, MN 55343

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From: [Patricia Hollister](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Option 3 for masks.
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:56:54 PM

Please mandate masks for Minnetonka. It makes the community safer and allows businesses to ensure safety for its employees and customers.

Regards,

Pat Hollister



4183 Trail Ridge Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Patrick Lee-O'Halloran](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please make masks mandatory
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:00:25 PM

I strongly support requiring mask usage in the City of Minnetonka. We should follow the science on this issue, and it is clear that wearing masks has a significant positive effect in reducing the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus :

- Wearing face masks "could result in a large reduction in risk of infection," according to a recent review of 172 studies looking at the effectiveness of masks in reducing the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and other coronaviruses.
- Mandating of masks in 15 states plus D.C. may have helped to avert at least 230,000 cases of COVID-19 by May 22, according to a study published in Health Affairs.
- Countries that adopted widespread mask wearing sooner had significantly lower death rates and shorter outbreaks, according to another study.
- In addition, there is a growing scientific concern about the potential for airborne spread of COVID-19 beyond 6 feet. Last week 239 scientists penned an open letter to the WHO and others based on this concern, noting studies "have demonstrated beyond any reasonable doubt that viruses are released during exhalation, talking, and coughing in microdroplets small enough to remain aloft in air and pose a risk of exposure at distances beyond 1 to 2 m from an infected individual."

Obviously everyone wants to reopen our communities but we should only do so safely. For example, I'm very concerned about our ability to reopen schools without some sustained reductions in virus transmission. A mask mandate is one clear measure that we can undertake right now that will make us all safer, and should make reopening more successful.

If you have any questions or would like citations for any of the studies mentioned above please let me know. Thank you for all that you do for our City!

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Patrick Lee-O'Halloran

17530 Creek Ridge Pass
Minnetonka, MN 55345



From: [Paul Fine](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: The wearing of masks to stop the COVID-19 virus
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:36:29 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

The typical light-blue face mask or bandana-type mask are useless for stopping the COVID-19 virus.

Dr. Fauci and the *New England Journal of Medicine* stated that masks are just symbolic. See <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/05/masks-symbolic-say-dr-fauci-new-england-journal-medicine/>

More importantly, the pore size of N95 masks---the masks worn by doctors and nurses---is about 0.3 microns. The size of the COVID-19 virus is 0.06 to 0.14 microns. Translation: the COVID-19 virus can pass easily through the gaps in an N95 mask. Thus, the typical face masks worn by the general public are useless in stopping the transmission of COVID-19 virus, especially if a mask-wearer is subjected to someone coughing or sneezing on them. See <https://spectator.org/five-quick-things-let-that-mask-slip/>

And then there are the flip-flops from WHO and other organizations about wearing masks at all: <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/bethbaumann/2020/06/06/the-who-flipflops-on-masks-yet-again-n2570174>

The wearing of face masks serves two purposes:

1. Virtue signaling/kabuki theater, to convince people that something is being done.
2. Obedience training, to acclimate the general public to obeying the edicts of politicians and the government.

Make me a believer in wearing a mask! Show me empirical evidence that the typical face mask is useful in stopping the transmission of COVID-19 in casual public contacts.

Paul Fine
14501 Atrium Way
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Paula Chambers](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: RE: Face masks.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:09:05 PM

I did not address a reason why. Common sense, respect, and public health are hard to explain to someone who can't hear past his/her preference.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Kyle Salage <ksalage@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: RE: Face masks.

12900 Shady Dale Road ,Minnetonka

[REDACTED]

From: [Paula Chambers](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:02:41 AM

Please require them. Thank you.

Paula Chambers
12900 Shady Dale Road
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Paula Flom](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:41:22 PM

Hello,

I'm writing to you to encourage the city of Minnetonka to mandate mask wearing while inside places of business. I love shopping in Minnetonka, however feel uncomfortable doing so during the pandemic due to others being unmasked. Science says this virus can be transmitted through airborne droplets from someone talking or breathing. Mandating masks would greatly decrease transmission and would allow the economy to recover even more.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paula Flom

Minnetonka shopper

From: [Peggy Bloom](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:15:47 PM

I would like masks to be mandatory in Minnetonka

Peggy Bloom
14468 Telluride Trail
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Penny Henry](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:04:55 AM

Please make face masks mandatory in public buildings so that we can safely do our necessary grocery shopping, etc. We have to stop giving this virus a host in order to stop the spread.

Penny Henry
1901 Vernon Drive South
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Peter Hitch](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:53:09 AM

Please do not over-control your residents and business owners.

Masks should be a personal choice.

If use is suggested, please suggest only. Also, consider reducing social distancing to three feet in restaurants, et al. That may now be the norm.

Thanks,

Peter Hitch



13521 McGinty Rd E, Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Peter Goleczka](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Proposed Face Mask Options
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:53:58 AM
Attachments: [29C0351DF3A64272A47871B48D6148B4.png](#)

Our family prefers staying with Option !

The focus should be on encouragement on all aspects of protection i.e. washing hands,, self isolation, etc as advised by CDC and WHO. Our concern is that mandating masks and only focussing on that aspect gives people a 'false sense of security' and our everyday observations are that the masks are a) not adequate protection and b) not worn properly c) I'm ok, I'm wearing a mask and not paying attention to other preventative measures.

Option 2. Ok, leave it up to the businesses.

Option 3. No Way! It is too narrow a focus, authoritarian and who is going to enforce it? Not the police with everything else going on these days!!

We give our full support to continuation of Option 1 with emphasis on ALL aspects of protection and encourage personal responsibilities without resorting to Ordinances.

Peter, Joan, Joseph and Andrew. Dartmouth Drive, Minnetonka (pagjmo@msn.com)

Council to consider face mask options at July 13 meeting

The city council will discuss the use of face masks to protect against COVID-19 at its meeting on [Monday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m.](#) Currently, face masks are encouraged in Minnetonka but not required. Options the council will consider include:

- **Option 1:** Continue encouragement with no formal action
- **Option 2:** Encourage businesses to require the use of face masks in their establishments
- **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

Peter Goleczka
3829 Dartmouth Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Peter \[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:37:53 AM

This hysteria around Covid has to stop. Why are un-elected public health officials (who generally were not smart enough to become a MD) given power beyond their intellectual capacity?

Prove to me that masks are effective! Not some "expert" opinion of the day; a rigorous peer reviewed scientific study; like we used to do in this country.

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Peter [REDACTED]
Minnetonka, MN

From: [Richard Gottlieb](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re: MASK MANDATE
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:44:00 PM

I urge you to pass and enforce a mandate requiring all Minnetonka businesses to require customers wear masks.

It is deeply disturbing, and unfair, that customer's without masks can put innocent people in literally a life and death situation.

Coronavirus is a recognized pandemic. Absent a complete shutdown of the economy, the only way to beat the virus is to wear a mask! Look how Europe felt with the situation.

As our elected officials you are responsible for the safety of Minnetonka residents and visitors.

Thank you
R. Ellis Gottlieb

From: [Rachel Aiken](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:29:30 PM

There is absolutely no reason to mandate masks.

Rachel Aiken
15381 Highland Pl
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Rachel Williams](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comment on masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:10:52 PM

Rachel Williams
14016 Kinsel Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

I would like to see option 3 adopted as a city-wide requirement to wear masks. My spouse works in retail at a company that already requires mask usage. He is frequently in the position of being the person outside the door, telling customers that masks are required. He is confident in the safety policies adopted by his company within the store, but we are both scared about his exposure to the virus outside the doors (within the indoor public space of a mall). A city-wide policy makes mask wearing the norm and makes it much easier for individual businesses and employees to enforce.

Thank you.

From: [Rebecca McGrath](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:59:38 PM

Please make the wearing of masks required in Minnetonka. We have had to go to other cities to shop to go to stores that require masks since it is too risky to shop in Minnetonka. We are now frequenting Costco and Menards because of their mask requirements thereby taking my money outside of our fine city. The science is clear... masks protect each other. We need to do this to protect ourselves and to protect those that need extra protection.

Thank you

Rebecca McGrath


15707 Dawn Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Rey Freeman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: City of Mtka Mask Requirement - Opinion
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:20:36 AM

Hello; Just a quick note with an opinion on the upcoming meeting to determine mask-wearing requirements. I support some form of "Option 2" whereby masks are recommended or required for indoor locations, including government offices, retail businesses and other facilities. However, not sure how this would work in restaurants....?

I would not support a requirement for the wearing of masks outdoors as it seems unnecessary, especially if people maintain at least some level of distancing, and rather difficult to enforce.

Thanks for your work...

Rey Freeman
13517 Larkin Drive
MTKA



From: [Rhonda Hendrickson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 1:45:37 PM

Absolutely not number 3.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Rob Shainess](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:36:32 PM

Hello,

Thank you for considering a mask ordinance for the city of Minnetonka. My family would be in support of this in order to help protect residents. We are in support of adopting a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

Thank you,

Rob Shainess
5938 Lone Lake Loop, Minnetonka, MN 55343

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Rob Shainess

From: [Robert McNeill](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mtka Mask Question
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:52:05 AM

Option 1. Do not require the use of masks citywide. I will purposely avoid shopping, medical appts., etc... within Minnetonka if you pass such a resolution.

Robert McNeill

From: [Robert Otis](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:19:22 PM

I support a mask ordinance in Minnetonka, as the facts have demonstrated masks slow the spread of Covid 19.

Robert Otis
2521 Abbey Hill Drive
Minnetonka MN

From: [Robin Hellmer](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:52:30 PM

I think masks should be required in Minnetonka when going into any business.

Robin Hellmer
16248 Ringer Road
Wayzata, MN 55391

From: [David & Ruth McGoff](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Council to consider face mask options
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:34:52 AM

I support making wearing masks indoors and in crowded outdoor areas mandatory.

Ruth McGoff
15 Westwood Circle
Minnetonka, MN 55305



From: [Ruth Oremland](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandate
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:46:56 PM

To the attention of the Minnetonka City Counsel,

I am writing to inform the counsel that my family in addition to the majority of families in my neighborhood are 100% against a government enforced mask mandate.

Although I no longer have children in public schools, I've heard from only a very small minority of friends and neighbors that they would be pleased with their kids wearing masks full time all day long in school. Most parents are not for children wearing mask for hours on end. Most parents have been letting their children play with friends without social distancing all summer long. If you actually pay attention to how parents are managing their kids, you would truly understand what your constituents' opinions actually are concerning who should be wearing masks.

Why would the state or our city now try to enforce masks when deaths outside of Long Term Care facilities are so low, they are statistically insignificant. Covid ICU beds are at the capacity they were back in the begging of May. We have done more than flatten the curve, we have squashed the curve.

People are waking up to realize this is government overreach. Please do not listen to the vocal minority, because the silent majority is growing by the day.

Ruth Oremland
4988 West End Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345



From: [Sandra Stevenson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: In Support of Mandatory Mask Wearing
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:23:59 AM

Dear Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking up this issue.

I strongly support mandatory mask wearing for all indoor public and private spaces including businesses. Wearing a mask is not a political statement, it is an act of caring for ourselves, our neighbors and our patrons.

Obviously exceptions can and must be made: some people cannot tolerate wearing a mask, and it is impractical in a dining room setting. Further, if social distancing is possible outside, mask wearing can be encouraged but optional.

Thank you again.

Sandra Stevenson
15880 Tonkawood Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Sara Ellis](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#); [REDACTED]
Cc: [Gina Ramacciotti](#)
Subject: Minnetonka resident- Ward 4
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:39:08 AM

Hello,

As a Minnetonka resident and mom of two young boys aged 7 and 9, I just want to share that I support option 2 to require masks in businesses in Minnetonka. We support mask wearing in our family and this is a logical precaution for the citizens of Minnetonka.

Thank you,

Sara Ellis
16509 Lakeland Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

[REDACTED]

From: [Sarah Landt](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:16:24 AM

To the Minnetonka City Council,

I will not be able to be at the meeting on Monday night, but I would like to give my request for Option 3. I think requiring masks in the city of Minnetonka would be the best option. I'm seeing other cities do this and I have been hoping that we would follow suit.

Thank you for your time,
Sarah Landt
13713 Favorite Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Scott Swanson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask wearing
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:05:17 AM

Dear Minnetonka City Council Members-

My recommendation would be “Option 2-Encourage businesses to require the use of face masks in their establishments.” I don’t think there should be a broad-based, mandatory ordinance at this time.

I manage and teach at the Minnetonka Tennis Club. While face masks are “encouraged as they enter our facility,” the members/players do NOT have to wear one when they are playing tennis on a 6,000 sf tennis court. We encourage “physical distancing” and the members are doing a great job with this in the 4 weeks we have been open for play. We have recommended “no congregating indoors” so the members are leaving the facility and socializing outside. We have also eliminated “spectators” inside our facility to comply with the physical distancing and capacity requirements.

However, the members will not play tennis with a mask on. It doesn’t seem reasonable and in fact, it could be dangerous. Some of our members have not yet returned back to indoor tennis. The use/non-use of masks will not change their decision. They “will wait until there is a vaccine” or “until things calm down significantly.”

A reminder to the Council Members- the Minnetonka Tennis Club does not have a swimming pool, child care, restaurant, workout equipment, or any activities which put people in close proximity. We just play tennis! In looking at a number of COVID-safe activity polls, tennis is always one of the top-rated activities! I think our present system, and those used by other tennis facilities, are continuing to do just that-offerIng a physical activity which is fun, social and safe.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED].

Thank you

Scott Swanson
Manager/Director of Tennis
Minnetonka Tennis Club

From: [Scott Terry](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: 7/13 Mask Discussion
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:15:36 PM

I really hope you continue with option 1.

I wore a mask for the first time this past Tuesday to get a haircut. The box specifically states that the mask will not protect from Covid. I feel that masks have become a charade. This distancing, mask wearing, staying home etc, weakens the immune system. Come fall, what will be called a second wave is going to be people getting exposed to normal viruses that will easily attack their weakened immune systems. I work in biotechnology and spent a long time studying biology. This is as basic as it gets, biology 101.

Everyone who wants to wear a mask should continue to do what makes them feel comfortable. All of my family and friends choose to continue to expose ourselves to the elements and bacteria's that keep our immune systems running as efficiently as always. There are plenty of stores, restaurants, places, etc that require masks that I choose not to go to. There should continue to be options for the rest of us who are not in agreement with the ever changing recommendations of the powers that be.

I appreciate you reading this.

Scott Terry
4230 Fairview Avenue

From: [Serena Harad](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re: Mandatory masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:48:22 PM

Hi Kyle

Because I work in Minnetonka and my kids attend Minnetonka schools, most of my commerce occurs in Minnetonka as well. Mostly people wear masks indoors and at times this gives a false sense of security leading people to move closer than 6 feet. The jury is still out on how well or if that mask is protective.

Regardless, I think the citizens and the minnetonka businesses have this one covered without having to spend Minnetonka resources on expanding legislation and police enforcement of masks.

Thank you for considering my input Kyle and have a good weekend.

Serena Harad
125 Westwood drive south
Golden valley MN 55416

From: [Serena Harad](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:57:14 AM

I request that Minnetonka does not create a mandatory mask policy. It's most important for the city to focus on protecting individual liberty and allow citizens to choose whether or not to wear a mask.

Decisions about my health should be between my doctor and myself and are not decisions I want made by the city.

Thank you

Serena Harad
125 Westwood Drive South
Golden Valley, MN 55416

From: [Serin Cur](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: I support face masks in Minnetonka
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:20:59 AM

From: [Sharlene Ladin](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:10:06 PM

I believe that masks should be mandatory in Mfka. I am high risk and cannot understand how this would not pass.

Thank you

Sharlene Ladin

3450 Fairway Lane

Minnetonka, MN. 55305

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:19:07 PM

I would support the following:

Encouraging businesses to require face masks and an ordinance that requires face masks when indoors.

I live at Zvago Glen Lake Co-op and we have adopted guidelines requiring face masks and social distancing when indoors but residents feel they do not have to comply.

Our guidelines also discourage indoor gatherings, but a regular group gathers almost daily for happy hour(s), many without face masks and without 6-feet of distancing. A city ordinance would emphasize the need for safety, adherence to guidelines, and the seriousness of the challenge.

Sharon Grimes
14301 Stewart Ln, #201
[REDACTED]

From: [Sharon Keizer](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks are essential
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:11:21 PM

Please pass a law that mask wearing, and wearing it properly, is essential when anyone is in an inside store or business, or any public building. We need to keep everyone healthy. Thanks.

Sharon Keizer
15617 Willowood Dr.
Minnetonka, MN
[REDACTED]

From: [Sharon Wadnal](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: July 13 meeting agenda: Masks in Public Places
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:15:29 PM

Hello City of Minnetonka Staff:

Please make masks mandatory in all indoor public places.
Research proves masks help prevent COVID-19.
We need to do everything possible to keep everyone healthy.

Thank you -

Sharon Wadnal
18725 Clear View Dr
Minnetonka MN 55345

From: [Cari Shaw](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:46:01 AM

Mask should be in ordinance . All indoor facilities

Cari Shaw
11977 Orchard Avenue West

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:08:49 PM

Continued from previous email. Name Sheila Huber. Age 70. Address 13320 Inverness Road. Minnetonka. I grew up in Minnetonka just down the road from here. Family in Minnetonka include sister age 72 and mother age 89 niece in St Louis Park age 36. My sister is doing all the shopping for family due to health issues for All 4 of us and she is the only one able to do shopping. Every time she goes out we are all at risk due to inconsiderate people not wearing masks and following social distancing. Please make masks the rule not an option. Thank you. Also we are very careful. Wash everything follow the rules maybe its just the difference in age groups and wanting this time in our lives to still have value. My mother has not left her house for 5 months she still lives alone and the only contact she has is my sister. Please help us stay alive. You are the only ones to protect us.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:28:53 PM

Add on to my 2 previous emails. My name is Sheila Huber. I live at 13320 Inverness Rd, Minnetonka Minnesota 55305. I want to give you more information about my family. Right now we have 5 generations alive. My oldest daughter is the Administrator and runs 2 treatment centers in Arizona. They have a covid unit and are treating Covid patients right now so she is at risk everyday. The centers are 24/7 with patients in lockdown. Her son my grandson 4th generation works at a nursing home in Arizona as the cook. They just had 2 positive cases last week. My granddaughter-in-law is a social worker her job is to remove and protect children from unsafe homes. My oldest granddaughter is 30 and mentally challenged and unable to live on her own. My great granddaughter is 3. 3 generations all live in the same house in Arizona. I worry everyday. My point is that the possibility of 5 generations all originated from Minnetonka are at a very high risk of being wiped out due to this virus. All I'm asking for is such a simple thing as protect the 4 generations here. WEAR A FACE MASK at all times and maybe rethink opening some of the ridiculous businesses that are opening when things are not better but so much worse. Also my youngest daughter age 49 and 2 of my grandchildren live in Osseo. She works at a private school and has been out of work for months. Her oldest son died in 2012 at age 15 from cancer. Protect what is left of my family Not just in Minnetonka but pass this on to anyone in politics to think about what reopening and not wearing face masks really means. Loosing entire families due to poor decisions. Thank you for at least hearing what an old lady has to say.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:43:24 PM

Please Please require all people to wear face masks at all times in public. On the few times I have had to go out for medications I have seen very few masks and social distancing from younger people with No concern for anyone but themselves. The few older people are at such high risk there are not that many of us left and they don't seem to care. This virus is spreading so fast I don't understand why things are opening and causing this to get out of control. Please STOP the spread.

Sheila Huber
13320 Inverness Road
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks should be mandatory
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:27:17 AM

As a mother of 3 elementary school children and a Hospitlist physician on the literal frontlines of this pandemic, I do not understand why this is even a question. If you are out, wear a mask. If you are within 6 feet of someone not in your household, wear a mask. If you are sick, quarantine yourself at home.

Inconvenience or personal preference should never outweigh public safety and social responsibility. inconvenience or personal preference should never dictate policy. Science and qualified experts say wear a mask. Wear a mask. Knowing this virus is likely airborne and seeing first hand it's relentless clinical course, wearing a mask seems like the most obvious intervention. I want to never again watch a son say goodbye to his dying mother through an iPad. I want to never hear the fear and angst in my patient's voice because they haven't seen any family for months and wonder if they'll even survive the weekend. I don't ever want to walk into work wondering if our ICU shortage will force me to have to make unprecedented, gut wrenching decisions. Remember, I work here and these things happened in your community. Your community.

Reading this you may feel I'm being dramatic. If so, I congratulate you on dodging the personal horrors of this virus that can't be seen in statistics.

I strongly recommend mandating masks. People balked at seatbelts. Kids fight wearing shoes. Dogs don't all like leashes. Step up and be the adult. Mandate masks.

Thank you,

Shelley Weier, MD, MBA
4703 Karen Circle
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Steve Eliason](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: I support a face mask mandate!
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:55:58 PM

I urge the council to adopt a rule requiring face mask use at all indoor facilities where distancing is questionable.

I have 2 reasons.

First, there is significant evidence that if all parties wear face masks, infection rates slow significantly.

The CDC supported its new position by citing several studies about the asymptomatic spread of the disease, the first of which was [published](#) on March 5 in the New England Journal of Medicine.

“It is becoming increasingly clear that all people should be wearing masks while out in public. Masks are a likely reason why the virus has been better controlled in China, South Korea, Japan, and other countries,” [Dr. Subinoy Das](#), chief medical officer of Tivic Health and the chief executive officer of the [U.S. Institute for Advanced Sinus Care and Research](#), told Healthline.

Second, if everyone were more comfortable that the risk of spread has been mitigated, more would be willing to go out and shop, eat, etc., getting the local economy working again.

This will be especially important as we head to the polls. We need to assure the public and poll workers are safe if they choose to vote in person.

Steve Eliason

4313 Lancelot Drive

Minnetonka, MN 55345



Virus-free. www.avast.com

From: [Steve Leventhal](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Against Mask Ordinance
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 3:47:53 PM

I live in Minnetonka.

If people want to wear a mask, I don't have a problem with that. I do have a problem with the government/city Council telling me what I have to do with my body. I feel my liberties are being infringed upon by a governmental body telling me that I have to wear a mask.

I am adamantly against any ordinance to have me wear a mask in Minnetonka.

Steve

From: [Sue Colby](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re: Facemasks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:59:55 AM

One more thing. It occurred to me that I have been patronizing more businesses in Minneapolis and recently a diner if I go at all because they require facemasks. Whole Foods in Minneapolis and Minnetonka require facemasks but many businesses don't and it means that I and many of my friends are choosing to bring business where we know everyone will have a face mask on. This means, it could impact Minnetonka business is if people continue to patronize places where they know other customers will also have a mask One more thing. It occurred to me that I have been patronizing more businesses in Minneapolis and recently a diner if I go at all because they require facemasks. Whole foods in Minneapolis and Minnetonka require face masks but many businesses don't and it means that I and many of my friends are choosing to bring business where we know everyone will have a face mask on. This means, it could impact Minnetonka businesses if people continue to patronize places where they know other customers will also have a mask.

Sue Colby LP, Ph.D.
Executive Coach and Organization Consultant




From: [Sue Colby](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Facemasks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:24:37 AM

As a resident of Minnetonka for 30+ years I love living here. I very much appreciate the fact that you are considering making masks mandatory and hope that you proceed with option three.

Given what we do know about Covid it seems that the only way we as a community can both protect ourselves and be generous to each other is to wear a face mask in public. It doesn't eliminate but definitely minimizes the risk of us passing a virus, known or unknown to each other. I strongly hope the city Council choose is this option.

Thank you very much.

Sue Colby LP, Ph.D.
11886 Tapestry Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55305
Executive Coach and Organization Consultant


From: [Sue Gottlieb](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 10:33:24 AM

Please put an ordinance in place to require face masks in Minnetonka!


2641 Abbey Hill Drive

From: [William Laidlaw](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 7:29:36 PM

We both support a mandatory mask regulation. This is not asking much of us as individuals to protect each other. It will also remove the burden on each individual business to create and enforce a mask policy if it is a city wide mandate. Currently, we try to avoid businesses which do not require masks for entry.

Susan and Bill Laidlaw
Mahoney Avenue

From: [Susan George](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:57:27 AM

I am in favor of Minnetonka requiring masks be worn inside businesses, stores, etc. to protect employees and other residents.

Please consider passing this requirement to protect our community.

Susan George
3802 Colgate Ave.
Minnetonka

From: [Susan Oxman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:30:42 AM

Dear City Council:

I have just read the three options for wearing masks to protect against Covid. There is only one that will work and that is Option 3.

Please require masks for all indoors and within 6 feet. This will allow me and all my friends to bring our business back to Minnetonka instead of having to drive to Minneapolis stores to do our shopping or other areas that do require masks right now. Although it should be a state wide and really a federal issue, Minnetonka has the power to be a leader in this.

Thank you.

Please, Masks for All,

Susan Oxman
2258 Sherwood Court
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Susan Shields](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:07:36 PM

It is imperative that Minnetonka require as opposed to request masks. People are not wearing them and it is dangerous to go to the grocery store.

It is imperative that the city of Minnetonka make it mandatory to wear masks in public.

Susan Shields
15730 Portico Drive
Wayzata, MN 55391

From: [Susan Taylor](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:43:22 AM

As a former MN native, and now a CO resident, I want to put in a plug for face masks. We are required to wear them here in indoor spaces - stores, restaurants, etc. The community is cooperating and it is a small concession to keeping our COVID infections down.

As a senior, and thus an at/risk person, I deeply appreciate other people wearing masks, and, of course, I wear mine.

Please make masks mandatory for your community!

Susan Taylor
Fort Collins, CO

From: [Susan K Wilson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:38:13 PM

I believe most of the citizens in Minnetonka know what to do and don't need more the government rules or laws.

Susan K Wilson

10451 Greenbrier Road

Apt 220

Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Suzanna M Weinstein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:39:14 AM

I support the use of face masks in Minnetonka.
Suzanne Weinstein
2035 Sherwood Lane
Minnetonka 55305

From: [Tasha Jacobson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask options
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 6:30:24 AM

In regards to the meeting on Mon. July 13th, I would be in favor of adopting a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tasha Jacobson

From: [Teri Deaver](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance Options being considered
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:25:18 PM

Mayor and Members of the Council,

I strongly support Option 3, a citywide ordinance requiring masks/face coverings indoors in public spaces (including for example: private businesses, places of worship and public buildings) and outdoors when 6 -foot distancing is impossible or impractical. I recognize that level of risk of infection varies from business to business depending on the nature of that business and the space that they occupy but no one should have to face an unnecessary elevated risk of exposure simply by going to "essential businesses" or participating in our economy by purchasing goods and services. Certainly workers should all be wearing masks when interacting with the public regardless of business type.

As some one who uses a mask to protect others, I feel it is the responsibility of other citizens to do the same for me. Just as people are restricted from smoking indoors and endangering my health, so should mask wearing be required during this time. This will also help keep N95 masks available to those in most need. I do feel that if others are not wearing cloth masks, then I (and others) would need to use an n95 for greater self-protection. Protection from the virus via community transmission is only as strong as the weakest link in the crowd.

It is important that as a metro community we are in step with other cities that have already implemented this action.

Thank you for taking up this important issue.

Teri Deaver
16843 Canterbury Drive

From: [Tess Fitch](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:20:00 PM

In regard to a mask mandate I am very much in favor of option #3. I really think that it is important that the city adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others. I really feel that the whole state should be under a mandate and have sent my thoughts to the governor. It is most unfortunate that the issue has become politicized because it is something that the whole country should be doing. It is the easiest and cheapest way to try to fight this pandemic.

Thank you.

Tess Fitch
3424 Rainbow Dr.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Tim Amlie](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Discussion
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 4:58:20 PM

I'm just sending my thoughts... I strongly support a city directive to wear masks as other municipalities have done. Other than when eating/drinking at a socially distanced eating establishment, masks should be on.

Thanks,
Tim Amlie
15107 Peteler Ln, Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Tim Stanga](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 7:41:50 PM

Its time to mandate them to protect us responsible citizens from idiots who selfishly wont wear one. This pandemic is nowhere near over. Please be the adults in the room. Wearing a mask is the patriotic thing to do.

Tim Stanga
4038bThrushwood Lane

From: [Tom Fraser](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Council to consider face mask options
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 2:57:45 PM

Good Afternoon,

My name is Tom Fraser and I live at 13102 Greenwood Rd. I am a supporter of using face masks. If I had a vote I would vote for **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others. I think that taking the responsibility away from business owners helps them deal with customers who do not believe in science and are selfish and do not want to wear a mask.

Thank you.

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Tom
13102 Greenwood Road
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Tomas Murdych](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Universal masking - yes
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 8:54:40 AM

I am an Internal Medicine hospital physician and Minnetonka resident - please, please, listen to the evidence and look to the Asian countries, with what discipline and success they reduced they COVID transmissions, and implement universal masking policy like they did in our community for all our's sakes, and for sakes of our children going to school in the fall.

Dr. Tomas Murdych
16940 Grays Bay Boulevard
Wayzata, MN 55391

From: [Traci Saliterman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 8:01:07 AM

I live in Minnetonka and wanted to express my opinion of masks being a MUST. All for it being mandatory.

Thank you!

Traci Saliterman
11555 Cedar Pass
Minnetonka 55305

From: [MA](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: my vote.....
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:21:22 AM

Option 1: Continue encouragement with no formal action

From: [Val Quinn](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 11:13:40 PM

Hi there,

I would like to write in about a mask ordinance in Minnetonka. It's shocking how many maskless people there are at places like Target, etc. Masks would be beneficial to us all in this city and hopefully help us overcome Covid.

Thanks for your time!

Val Quinn
16307 Temple Terrace

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: In favor of a city wide ordinance
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:54:49 AM

I strongly support **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

It's such a minor thing we can all do to protect each other and lower everyone's risk of illness while we wait for proven treatments and hopefully a vaccine in the future. It's not fair to put the burden on the business owners to enforce individual policies, and make them have to deal with the fallout, since what should be a public health issue has morphed into taking a political stand.

Best regards,

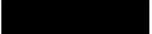
Valerie Larson
13825 Kinsel Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Vicki Siskin](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Ordinance for mandatory masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:02:38 AM

Hello,

We own 2 properties in Minnetonka at 4323 Woodhill Rd and 4325 Woodhill Rd. We feel strongly that Minnetonka should have a mandatory mask ordinance.

Thank you,
Vicki Siskin

Vicki K. Siskin
Counselor Realty


From: [Wendy Ringer](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 3:30:30 PM

I am writing in support of Option 3: Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

I strongly believe it is the only way that ALL Mtka residents can participate in the community with as little fear and exposure as possible.

I do appreciate that the Mtka Farmers Market requires masks for the first hour, but it is not always easy to get to the Farmers Market at a specific time. Just like it is not always possible to get to stores (grocery, target etc..) during the hours they have designated for high risk customers. Many older folks need rides and are unable to find them that early in the AM, some high risk folks have autoimmune diseases, cancer etc..and the side effects of the illness or medications make it difficult to predict when they will be able to get out and about. It is my belief that having a city wide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others would make it more feasible for all residents to continue to live as freely and safely as possible in Mtka.

I am hoping that Ridgedale Mall will be included in the city ordinance, if passed. As of now, some stores that are open in the mall only encourage masks. Many customers choose not to be personally responsible and refuse to wear masks which is putting employees who work and/or live in Mtka at risk - which obviously impacts their families and the community at large.

I'm hoping that strong leadership can help to keep even the most vulnerable safe during such an unprecedented time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy Ringer
2711 Bent Tree Circle
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Wes Hagen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: masks
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020 9:37:38 AM

- **Option 1:** Continue encouragement with no formal action

Masks are useless at best.

From: [Geraldyn Barone](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FW: Minnetonka mask ordinance
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:43:37 AM

From: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:31 AM
To: Geraldyn Barone <gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Minnetonka mask ordinance

Begin forwarded message:

From: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date: July 13, 2020 at 8:09:26 AM CDT
To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: **Minnetonka mask ordinance**

Dear Councilwoman Calvert,

I write to express my strong and unequivocal support for a citywide mask ordinance requiring face masks while indoors or within six feet of others.

The reasons for my support of such an ordinance are myriad, but I believe it protects both our citizens and our businesses.

First, masks are the single most effective tool we have to combat the pandemic. There are numerous examples of countries with high mask compliance rates (Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong) that have been able to effectively stem the tide and beat back this disease.

The relative effectiveness of masks also shows up in epidemiological models projecting the future course of this disease. For instance, a University of Washington study released this week found that, if 95% of Americans were to wear a mask (as compared to the 20-60% compliance rate), the number of deaths in the next 4 months would decrease by over 45,000 people.

My support for a mask ordinance is not just focused on the public health benefits. My family owns a small business in Minnetonka, so the economic impacts of this pandemic are also top-of-mind for me. Many times, as we have seen throughout this pandemic, the public health and economic concerns are at odds: what is good for business is not good for public health, and vice versa.

This is not such a case. Instead, the public health and economic incentives here are aligned. First, many consumers (myself included) are more likely to go to a

store and spend money locally if we feel comfortable with the COVID protocols and amount of mask compliance. Otherwise, we substitute our local spending by shopping in Edina or Minneapolis (both of which have mask requirements), or by going to Costco and Menards (both of which require masks) instead of our preferred local groceries and hardware stores, or by shopping online at Amazon. Local stores are missing out on our business—and our community is missing out on the associated tax revenue—because of the lack of mask compliance of our fellow citizens.

The larger risk to our small businesses is not a mask requirement, but rather another outbreak that requires another prolonged shutdown. A mask ordinance would help guard against that possibility.

Finally, a mask ordinance would protect the essential workers that don't have the luxury of working remotely. At the start of this pandemic, I was skeptical of wearing a face covering and often went out without one. I knew that my family was complying with social distancing and not exposed to the virus in the safety of our own home, and felt assured that I was not a threat to others.

I changed my outlook, however, after hearing a grocery worker speak about the anxiety she suffered from not knowing where a non-masked patron had been and whether a non-masked patron had been effectively socially distancing. I decided that my temporary discomfort with wearing a mask was a small price to pay for the peace of mind it would afford to others. I urge this Council and the opponents of such a mask ordinance to practice empathy and consider the benefits of such an ordinance from the perspective of an essential worker who interacts with hundreds of members of the general public a day.

It is unfortunate that we as Minnesotans and as Americans have not been able to voluntarily protect our fellow citizens by the simple act of wearing a mask. I urge this Council to take this decisive and necessary action to protect our citizens and our businesses.

I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Adam Hoskins
[3535 Druid Lane](#)
[Minnetonka, MN](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Citywide Mask Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:06:03 AM

Dear Minnetonka City Council,

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Sincerely,

Adam Hoskins
[3535 Druid Lane](#)
[Minnetonka, MN](#)

From: [Alexander Rosenstein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Minnetonka MASK Ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:45:00 PM

Dear Minnetonka City Council,

I am a Minnetonka resident and I fully support adopting a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within 6 feet of others.

I have vulnerable family members (including in Minnetonka) and believe this is a sensible and essential move to ensure all of our public safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alexander Rosenstein
3425 Oakton Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Alice Ford](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:34:17 AM

I encourage the council and Mayor to continue encouraging the wearing of masks. Not the mandatory wearing of masks.

We have all read the pros and cons of wearing of masks vs not wearing masks. All have excellent reasons. It comes down to which article you want to believe. It has been proven that the only mask that is effective for the wearer is the N95. Which we have been told is only for the health care worker.

Since this mask is not available for the regular person, the decision ,when to wear masks ,should be left to the individual.

Respectfully,
Alice Ford

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: COVID19 and face coverings
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:39:15 PM

I believe that it is appropriate for a mask ordinance to be enacted requiring masks be worn while indoors at public places.

Those with no concern for their own health still have an obligation to ensure they do not affect the health of others. It is counterproductive to leave to the discretion of individuals when their judgement is lacking good common sense.

Allan Fishel
Creative Business Solutions

[REDACTED]

From: [Amy Baratz](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:20:31 AM

I feel we should institute mandatory face masks

Amy Baratz
1990 Dwight Lane

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From: [Amy Fiterman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:59:13 PM

I am in support of wearing face masks in Minnetonka!

Amy Fiterman
11205 Overlook Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Andrea Kim](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Emergency ordinance regarding face coverings
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:26:50 PM

I urge you to take action enacting this ordinance. They have been shown to be very effective and creating an ordinance takes the onus off of businesses to implement.

Andrea Kim

From: [Ann Kaphingst](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:53:48 AM

I am asking the Minnetonka City Council to adopt Option 3: a citywide ordinance requiring the use of face masks indoors. Until the Covid 19 pandemic is under control our economy will not be able to fully open. Wearing face masks to reduce the spread of the virus is an action all citizens can take toward this goal. Until Minnetonka requires face mask use indoors I will be shopping in Edina where the City Council has passed such an ordinance.

Anne Kaphingst
5108 Beacon Hill Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Ashley Monseth](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Council to consider face mask options
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:14:21 PM

Hello,

I am a resident at 4917 Diane Drive Minnetonka, MN 55343 and I would like you to consider Option 3 from the below. Thank you!

Ashley Monseth

- **Option 1:** Continue encouragement with no formal action
- **Option 2:** Encourage businesses to require the use of face masks in their establishments
- **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

From: [Ashley Robins](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask for mtka
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:32:34 PM

Please add my support for mandatory masks in mtka.

Thank you,

Ashley Robins

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Yes for mandatory masks

From: Barb Westmoreland [REDACTED]

Date: July 11, 2020 at 9:28:07 AM CDT

To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Susan Carter <scarter@minnetonkamn.gov>, Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>, Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>, Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>, Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>

Cc: GERALYN BARONE <gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: Yes for mandatory masks

Dear Mayor Wiersum and Council Members,

I support you in voting Yes for a temporary order for all in Minnetonka to wear a face mask (to cover both nose & mouth) while inside public places, and in outside areas where spacing is only 6-10 feet.

This order is a bare minimum for responsible good citizenship during a global pandemic.

I have always advocated for supporting local business, “shop local”. This order will give me confidence to shift from my recent months of ordering online back to going to Minnetonka businesses for my family’s shopping and entertainment.

Thank you,
Barb Westmoreland

4713 Caribou Dr
Minnetonka
[REDACTED]

From: [Barbara Wickoren](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:08:11 PM

Please mandate masks in all public places

Barbara Wickoren
16401 temple drive south.
Minnetonka 55345

From: [Becci Powers-Johnson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Council to consider face mask options
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:47:08 PM

Hi,

I see there is an agenda item to consider masks tonight. I wanted to share my thoughts as part of a health and wellness community. I know I speak on behalf of all of my returning members.

Unfortunately I am unable to make it but wanted to share that we have very safe standards in place with our class training. We are set up so that each member has their own 4 sq Meter section (about 42 sq feet) and there are 2 full meters between (6.5 feet) between each workout station. They are even staggered. And of course at 25% we do not have more than 10 in a 2000 sq ft studio (actually 2550 sq ft total) but the workout area is 2000.

We take temperatures upon entry and members are provided their own disinfecting solution to bring to their station.

We offer group workouts but with no sharing of equipment and everyone stays in their same station. It is actually very dangerous if members would be required to wear a facemask DURING their workout. When we do exercise, our muscles produce lactic acid, which causes that burning sensation. It is then converted to carbon dioxide and exhaled. But what happens if the carbon dioxide is trapped by the mask? As you move from moderate to heavy exercise, you may be re-breathing carbon dioxide, which can reduce cognitive function and increase breathing rate. Decreases in oxygen concentration – by exercising longer or harder – would have a large effect on the physiological responses to exercise, causing altitude-sickness symptoms such as dizziness or headache.

As we know exercise helps significantly in reduction of stress, depression, anxiety, increases your immune system, helps with sleep, overall physical health and many other mental health issues. So having a safe environment (with a caring, safe community) to workout is critical for many.

As a small business owner, having to close from March 17 to June 10 was a significant financial impact to us. We opened only 7 months prior to being shut down. We would lose most of our members (which would be detrimental to our business) if a mask during the workout mandate was in place.

Wearing a mask during exercise would result in a significant amount of issues.

Thank you for your time.
Becci

BECCI POWERS-JOHNSON

OWNER/OPERATING MANAGER



12953 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka, Minnesota, 55305



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From: [Beth Kieffer Leonard](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Beth Kieffer Leonard](#); [Todd Leonard](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:07:00 PM

To the Minnetonka City Council

I strongly support an ordinance requiring face masks. For the health of our city state and country. We must all do everything we can to stem this pandemic and protect and safeguard its citizens.

Beth and Todd Leonard
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From: [Beth Schofield](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask Policy
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:20:05 AM

Hello!

I am writing this e-mail to make a comment on the mask wearing policy for Minnetonka. I am one of those that are definitely all for wearing masks whenever people are indoors or at various businesses. It is always concerning to see people without masks out shopping at grocery stores. My household has been doing our best to limit outings and always be masked in public places.

Now with the weather being warmer and people being together more (at times not socially distant or masked), the chance for spread is greater than when it was still cold and snowy out. Some people do not think it is a threat, and that is worrying. Edina already has a public mask policy in place, so it would make sense that Minnetonka would be able to do one similar.

Yes, wearing masks isn't fun or at times comfortable. But I would rather be able to go places knowing that the potential spread for COVID has been lessened. I would like to be able to see my friends and family in a safe manner. I want business owners and employees to stay safe.

Also, it is important to make sure that those who need facemasks are able to have access to them. Most people (in theory) should have a stock of reusable fabric facemasks, or the basic disposable ones. However, there may still be people who do not have as many as they should. Checking with local community groups, and groups that give aid should also be on the list to make sure that their clients are taken care of too and can stay as safe as possible.

No one knows what's going to happen for the rest of this year with COVID. If schools reopen in the fall, kids need to be used to wearing face masks to keep themselves, their teachers, school staff, and their friends and families safe.

Hopefully there won't be a ton of pushback, since ideally most people living in Minnetonka should already be wearing their masks to places. That would be the hope. But people are strange creatures indeed.

Thank you for your time,
Beth Schofield
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Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Geraldyn Barone](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FW: Masking In Minnetonka
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:13:46 AM

From: Beth Talisman [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2020 at 2:01:42 PM CDT
To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Masking In Minnetonka

Dear Councilmember Calvert:

I was pleased to hear that the City Of Minnetonka is considering a mask ordinance at this weeks City Council meeting.

Our family has lived in Minnetonka for almost 30 years. I have been a full time registered nurse for 15 years, working in the operating rooms of Abbott Northwestern and Minneapolis Children's Hospitals.

Given the focus of my work, I feel very strongly about making masks mandatory in public spaces.

Masks are a simple, effective method of infection control and should be worn during this pandemic to protect all of our citizens. Masks and other barrier methods have been used to protect health care workers and patients from spreading disease since the earliest days of organized medicine.

While we can do our best to enforce physical social distancing and hand washing, masks are really the only way to physically contain the aerosols from our breath and conversations. It might take a little time to get used to wearing a mask but there are no physical risks. Ask any of us who are wearing masks or other breathing protection in the operating room for 8-10 hours at a time. We can even teach you how to not fog up your glasses!

I'm very happy this ordinance is under consideration and hope the council will vote to mask up Minnetonka.

Thank you

Beth Talisman RN BSN CNOR
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[REDACTED]

A transcription of a voicemail left by Beth Weinblatt on Saturday, July 11th at 5:51 am:

“I understand you are going to be voting on Monday about wearing masks indoors in the city, and I highly recommend it.

I was at Ridgedale yesterday and will not go back. I have been a resident of Minnetonka for about 40 years. Target, Byerly’s and Ridgedale are in my area, and I am homebound because people are not wearing masks.

One vote for.”

From: [Bonnie Resig](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:06:00 PM

I believe that masks need to be made mandatory in public spaces in Minnetonka.

Thanks,

Bonnie Resig
4816 Lamplighters Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Subject: FW: Vote NO to mandatory mask in Minnetonka

From: Brenda Erickson [REDACTED]
Date: July 13, 2020 at 12:07:49 PM CDT
To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Susan Carter <scarter@minnetonkamn.gov>, Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>, Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>, Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>, Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: **Vote NO to mandatory mask in Minnetonka**

Dear Mayor Brad Wiersum and City Council Members,

I am very concerned about some voting that will be done in tonight's meeting. Masks should be a personal health choice in Minnetonka and Minnesota.

Many people can't wear masks due to health reasons. If you approve mandatory wearing of masks in Minnetonka people will not be able to shop and several will go outside of Minnetonka to neighboring cities. So a lot of local businesses will lose business. I feel like the city will face law suits if you have mandatory mask statue as well.

Additionally, I would like to remind the council that the purpose of closing down the state was to ensure that we were prepared for hospital space and for our providers to care for people who had Covid. That requirement has been met. If there was going to be a mask mandate it should have been back in March and April and not now.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
A concerned Minnetonka resident

From: [Brian Ellis](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:11:14 AM

Good Morning.

I work at the Trader Joe's in Minnetonka and wanted to advocate for you to vote yes to a mandatory mask requirement for all indoor spaces in Minnetonka. I worked yesterday and had a proportion of those not wearing masks. That puts everyone at risk due to a naive choice. I hope you will consider, as other cities are doing, to mandate for the health and safety of all of us. I go home to a beautiful 17 month old daughter and I want to be sure we are doing everything to protect all of us. Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Brian Richter](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comments for July 13th City Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:52:06 AM

Honorable Minnetonka City Council Members

My name is Brian Richter. My husband and I live at 2701 Westridge Circle in Minnetonka. I vote, I trust the scientific method, I believe Black Lives Matter and I care deeply for my fellow human. I work in finance and expertly use data, analytics, and economic trends to forecast and manage risk. If you haven't been paying attention to the trends on the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic let me tell you they aren't good.

I'm beside myself at the options you are discussing and why there is serious consideration given to anything other than a mask ordinance? Let's be honest with ourselves about "encouraging" the wearing of masks whether a general statement or directed at businesses (Options 1 and 2). Both options are the 2020 COVID-19 political equivalent of "sending thoughts and prayers". A city order to encourage people to wear masks would only be for the benefit of the political aspirations or consciences of the seven individuals voting on the matter. While the first two options may allow you to say "at least we did something" or "we did strongly suggest they wear a mask" and can help you sleep at night (after a virtual council meeting where you protected yourselves from the virus btw) but it is weakness in the face of adversity. It's also handing your power of city stewardship to a group of people who would prefer to ignore the crisis because it's inconvenient and is someone else's problem because "if I get it I just know I'll be the 90% that's fine". Regardless of what you decide Monday in all likelihood these people will continue to ignore such an ordinance anyway.

A citywide ordinance (Option 3) for masks in all public places is a low-effort, common-sense and science-based public safety measure on equal footing with automobile seatbelts laws, required vaccinations for school children, and food safety inspections. Masks are scientifically proven to help control the spread of the virus. That being said, Option 3 without a solid enforcement strategy, is the equivalent of Options 1 and 2. Think of it this way...if this ordinance is just the push one individual needed to take this pandemic seriously and it prevents them from being sedated and on a ventilator for 45 days until they die wouldn't that be worth it? Also masks allow commerce to continue at some level and may help prevent future lockdowns which have already pushed us into the most severe financial crisis this country has ever experienced.

At its heart this is a public safety issue and public safety starts at the municipal level which is you. This is one of those times where you truly can have a direct impact to residents' lives. I know there is no playbook for any of this but the longer we delay as public wearing masks the more damage this virus will do to Minnetonka and Minnesota. The time is now and not the August Council meeting or waiting for the Governor to take action. Either you are willing to take action or you are not and I am urging you to do so.

Sincerely,
Brian Richter

From: [Bruce Goldstein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:24:06 PM

Hello

I am in favor of a face mask policy in Minnetonka while the virus is out of control.

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From: [Carol Kampman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:07:00 AM

I would like to share my thoughts about the face mask discussion. I feel strongly that **we should require face masks indoors or within six feet of others** in our city. I know that there is a great deal to learn about Covid yet, but it appears that what **is** known is that face masks and distancing **do** help contain the spread of Covid.

I am certainly willing to deal with the minor inconvenience of wearing a mask temporarily during this time of Covid vs increasing my risk--and those of others around me--of contracting this sometimes deadly disease.

Thank you.

Carol Kampman

From: [Chad and Amy Kelsch](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory Face Masks
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:30:16 AM

Hello:

We are residents of Minnetonka.

The purpose of this email is to voice support for the implementation of a city-wide face mask requirement. Putting this measure in place will go a long way in protecting Minnetonka residents and those working in Minnetonka based public establishments. It will be a huge step in curbing the spread of the virus. A mandatory masking policy will also remove the difficulty businesses experience in attempting to enforce their own mask compliance measures. Frankly, we can't see any downside in making masking mandatory.

This is very personal for us because Amy is immunocompromised, and is therefore at risk of experiencing complications from the virus.

Thank you for weighing this input in your decision-making process.

Chad Kelsch and Amy Stenehjem-Kelsch
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From: [Chelsea Lee](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:21:46 AM
Attachments: [Mask study.pdf](#)

Hello,

I am writing to share my opinion on the face mask topic that will be discussed at Monday's meeting. I have appreciated how our city has put this decision in the hands of it's residents and business owners and do not feel there is a need to make a mandate or promote masks any further. It is evident that there is controversy around the effectiveness of masks, and studies show that cloth masks are more harmful to our health than helpful (see attached and also read: <https://aapsonline.org/mask-facts/?fbclid=IwAR3kNjTgPW4ZqN113Eg6b06iUfZbWtnlHAemhtNq4yZKjYewdAivJbOk5QY>). There are people who cannot wear one for medical reasons and a mandate would make them ostracized and have their neighbors critical of their decision. To make a city wide mandate could promote division in our community. It would also have people taking their business elsewhere - instead of Cub in Minnetonka we can just as easily get to the Cub in Shorewood. We can shop and spend our money in Hopkins, Wayzata, Deephaven, Chanhassen, and other neighboring cities very easily so I could see a mask mandate harming businesses in our city. Every privately owned business should have the freedom to make their own decisions on whether or not to require them in their business, that should not be up to the city council. I also am at a loss as to "why now"? There has been no spike in deaths in Minnetonka and less than 1% (0.7% to be exact) of our entire Minnesota population has had the virus. I am one of those cases - and I would wonder, would I be required to wear a mask even though I have the antibodies?

Please give our citizens and businesses the freedom of choice for their own health and bodies. If people truly believe a mask works, despite studies that show otherwise, then they can certainly wear one and it wouldn't matter if others are or not - they wear a mask because they believe it protects them from people with or without masks. I don't believe it's the path we want to go down as a city where our councilmembers are voting on decisions for how we take care of our own health.

Thank you,
Chelsea Lee
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Minnetonka, MN 55345

BMJ Open A cluster randomised trial of cloth masks compared with medical masks in healthcare workers

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The aim of this study was to compare the efficacy of cloth masks to medical masks in hospital healthcare workers (HCWs). The null hypothesis is that there is no difference between medical masks and cloth masks.

Setting: 14 secondary-level/tertiary-level hospitals in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Participants: 1607 hospital HCWs aged ≥ 18 years working full-time in selected high-risk wards.

Intervention: Hospital wards were randomised to: medical masks, cloth masks or a control group (usual practice, which included mask wearing). Participants used the mask on every shift for 4 consecutive weeks.

Main outcome measure: Clinical respiratory illness (CRI), influenza-like illness (ILI) and laboratory-confirmed respiratory virus infection.

Results: The rates of all infection outcomes were highest in the cloth mask arm, with the rate of ILI statistically significantly higher in the cloth mask arm (relative risk (RR)=13.00, 95% CI 1.69 to 100.07) compared with the medical mask arm. Cloth masks also had significantly higher rates of ILI compared with the control arm. An analysis by mask use showed ILI (RR=6.64, 95% CI 1.45 to 28.65) and laboratory-confirmed virus (RR=1.72, 95% CI 1.01 to 2.94) were significantly higher in the cloth masks group compared with the medical masks group. Penetration of cloth masks by particles was almost 97% and medical masks 44%.

Conclusions: This study is the first RCT of cloth masks, and the results caution against the use of cloth masks. This is an important finding to inform occupational health and safety. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection. Further research is needed to inform the widespread use of cloth masks globally. However, as a precautionary measure, cloth masks should not be recommended for HCWs, particularly in high-risk situations, and guidelines need to be updated.

Trial registration number: Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry: ACTRN12610000887077.

Strengths and limitations of this study

- The use of cloth masks is widespread around the world, particularly in countries at high-risk for emerging infections, but there have been no efficacy studies to underpin their use.
- This study is large, a prospective randomised clinical trial (RCT) and the first RCT ever conducted of cloth masks.
- The use of cloth masks are not addressed in most guidelines for health care workers—this study provides data to update guidelines.
- The control arm was ‘standard practice’, which comprised mask use in a high proportion of participants. As such (without a no-mask control), the finding of a much higher rate of infection in the cloth mask arm could be interpreted as harm caused by cloth masks, efficacy of medical masks, or most likely a combination of both.

INTRODUCTION

The use of facemasks and respirators for the protection of healthcare workers (HCWs) has received renewed interest following the 2009 influenza pandemic,¹ and emerging infectious diseases such as avian influenza,² Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-coronavirus)^{3 4} and Ebola virus.⁵ Historically, various types of cloth/cotton masks (referred to here after as ‘cloth masks’) have been used to protect HCWs.⁶ Disposable medical/surgical masks (referred to here after as ‘medical masks’) were introduced into healthcare in the mid 19th century, followed later by respirators.⁷ Compared with other parts of the world, the use of face masks is more prevalent in Asian countries, such as China and Vietnam.^{8–11}

In high resource settings, disposable medical masks and respirators have long since replaced the use of cloth masks in hospitals. Yet cloth masks remain widely used

globally, including in Asian countries, which have historically been affected by emerging infectious diseases, as well as in West Africa, in the context of shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE).^{12 13} It has been shown that medical research disproportionately favours diseases of wealthy countries, and there is a lack of research on the health needs of poorer countries.¹⁴ Further, there is a lack of high-quality studies around the use of facemasks and respirators in the healthcare setting, with only four randomised clinical trials (RCTs) to date.¹⁵ Despite widespread use, cloth masks are rarely mentioned in policy documents,¹⁶ and have never been tested for efficacy in a RCT. Very few studies have been conducted around the clinical effectiveness of cloth masks, and most available studies are observational or *in vitro*.⁶ Emerging infectious diseases are not constrained within geographical borders, so it is important for global disease control that use of cloth masks be underpinned by evidence. The aim of this study was to determine the efficacy of cloth masks compared with medical masks in HCWs working in high-risk hospital wards, against the prevention of respiratory infections.

METHODS

A cluster-randomised trial of medical and cloth mask use for HCWs was conducted in 14 hospitals in Hanoi, Vietnam. The trial started on the 3 March 2011, with rolling recruitment undertaken between 3 March 2011 and 10 March 2011. Participants were followed during the same calendar time for 4 weeks of facemasks use and then one additional week for appearance of symptoms. An invitation letter was sent to 32 hospitals in

Hanoi, of which 16 agreed to participate. One hospital did not meet the eligibility criteria; therefore, 74 wards in 15 hospitals were randomised. Following the randomisation process, one hospital withdrew from the study because of a nosocomial outbreak of rubella.

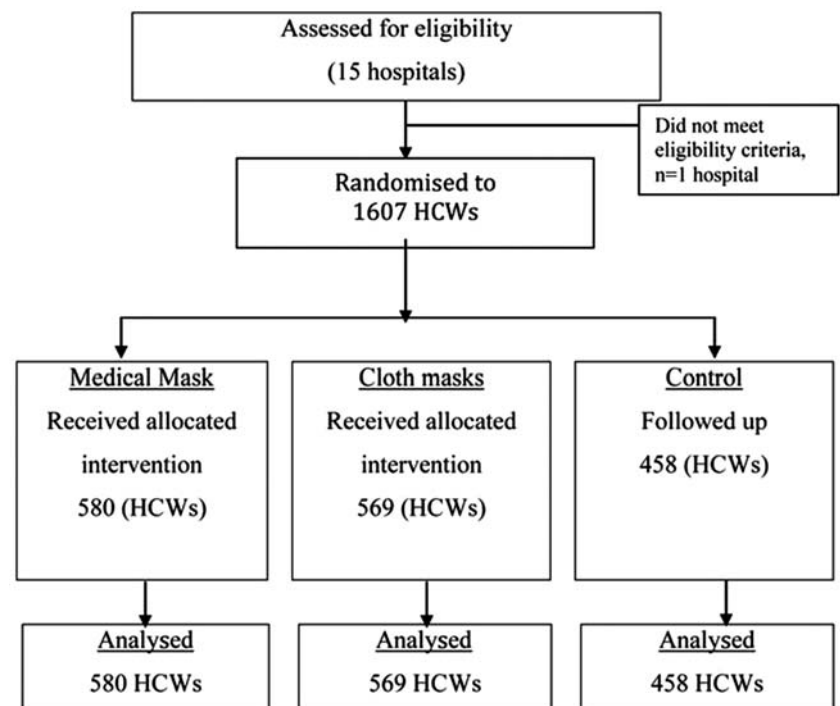
Participants provided written informed consent prior to initiation of the trial.

Randomisation

Seventy-four wards (emergency, infectious/respiratory disease, intensive care and paediatrics) were selected as high-risk settings for occupational exposure to respiratory infections. Cluster randomisation was used because the outcome of interest was respiratory infectious diseases, where prevention of one infection in an individual can prevent a chain of subsequent transmission in closed settings.^{8 9} Epi info V.6 was used to generate a randomisation allocation and 74 wards were randomly allocated to the interventions.

From the eligible wards 1868 HCWs were approached to participate. After providing informed consent, 1607 participants were randomised by ward to three arms: (1) medical masks at all times on their work shift; (2) cloth masks at all times on shift or (3) control arm (standard practice, which may or may not include mask use). Standard practice was used as control because the IRB deemed it unethical to ask participants to not wear a mask. We studied continuous mask use (defined as wearing masks all the time during a work shift, except while in the toilet or during tea or lunch breaks) because this reflects current practice in high-risk settings in Asia.⁸

Figure 1 Consort diagram of recruitment and follow-up (HCWs, healthcare workers).



The laboratory results were blinded and laboratory testing was conducted in a blinded fashion. As facemask use is a visible intervention, clinical end points could not be blinded. [Figure 1](#) outlines the recruitment and randomisation process.

Primary end points

There were three primary end points for this study, used in our previous mask RCTs:^{8 9} (1) Clinical respiratory illness (CRI), defined as two or more respiratory symptoms or one respiratory symptom and a systemic symptom;¹⁷ (2) influenza-like illness (ILI), defined as fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ plus one respiratory symptom and (3) laboratory-confirmed viral respiratory infection. Laboratory confirmation was by nucleic acid detection using multiplex reverse transcriptase PCR (RT-PCR) for 17 respiratory viruses: respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) A and B, human metapneumovirus (hMPV), influenza A (H3N2), (H1N1)pdm09, influenza B, parainfluenza viruses 1–4, influenza C, rhinoviruses, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) associated coronavirus (SARS-CoV), coronaviruses 229E, NL63, OC43 and HKU1, adenoviruses and human bocavirus (hBoV).^{18–23} Additional end points included compliance with mask use, defined as using the mask during the shift for 70% or more of work shift hours.⁹ HCWs were categorised as ‘compliant’ if the average use was equal or more than 70% of the working time. HCW were categorised as ‘non-compliant’ if the average mask use was less than 70% of the working time.

Eligibility

Nurses or doctors aged ≥ 18 years working full-time were eligible. Exclusion criteria were: (1) Unable or refused to consent; (2) Beards, long moustaches or long facial hair stubble; (3) Current respiratory illness, rhinitis and/or allergy.

Intervention

Participants wore the mask on every shift for four consecutive weeks. Participants in the medical mask arm were supplied with two masks daily for each 8 h shift, while participants in the cloth mask arm were provided with five masks in total for the study duration, which they were asked to wash and rotate over the study period. They were asked to wash cloth masks with soap and water every day after finishing the shifts. Participants were supplied with written instructions on how to clean their cloth masks. Masks used in the study were locally manufactured medical (three layer, made of non-woven material) or cloth masks (two layer, made of cotton) commonly used in Vietnamese hospitals. The control group was asked to continue with their normal practices, which may or may not have included mask wearing. Mask wearing was measured and documented for all participants, including the control arm.

Data collection and follow-up

Data on sociodemographic, clinical and other potential confounding factors were collected at baseline. Participants were followed up daily for 4 weeks (active intervention period), and for an extra week of standard practice, in order to document incident infection after incubation. Participants received a thermometer (traditional glass and mercury) to measure their temperature daily and at symptom onset. Daily diary cards were provided to record number of hours worked and mask use, estimated number of patient contacts (with/without ILI) and number/type of aerosol-generating procedures (AGPs) conducted, such as suctioning of airways, sputum induction, endotracheal intubation and bronchoscopy. Participants in the cloth mask and control group (if they used cloth masks) were also asked to document the process used to clean their mask after use.

We also monitored compliance with mask use by a previously validated self-reporting mechanism.⁸ Participants were contacted daily to identify incident cases of respiratory infection. If participants were symptomatic, swabs of both tonsils and the posterior pharyngeal wall were collected on the day of reporting.

Sample collection and laboratory testing

Trained collectors used double rayon-tipped, plastic-shafted swabs to scratch tonsillar areas as well as the posterior pharyngeal wall of symptomatic participants. Testing was conducted using RT-PCR applying published methods.^{19–23} Viral RNA was extracted from each respiratory specimen using the Viral RNA Mini kit (Qiagen, Germany), following the manufacturer’s instructions. The RNA extraction step was controlled by amplification of a RNA house-keeping gene (amplify pGEM) using real-time RT-PCR. Only extracted samples with the house keeping gene detected by real-time RT-PCR were submitted for multiplex RT-PCR for viruses.

The reverse transcription and PCRs were performed in OneStep (Qiagen, Germany) to amplify viral target genes, and then in five multiplex RT-PCR: RSV A/B, influenza A/H3N2, A(H1N1) and B viruses, hMPV (reaction mix 1); parainfluenza viruses 1–4 (reaction mix 2); rhinoviruses, influenza C virus, SARS-CoV (reaction mix 3); coronaviruses OC43, 229E, NL63 and HKU1 (reaction mix 4); and adenoviruses and hBoV (reaction mix 5), using a method published by others.¹⁸ All samples with viruses detected by multiplex RT-PCR were confirmed by virus-specific mono nested or hemi-nested PCR. Positive controls were prepared by in vitro transcription to control amplification efficacy and monitor for false negatives, and included in all runs (except for NL63 and HKU1). Each run always included two negatives to monitor amplification quality. Specimen processing, RNA extraction, PCR amplification and PCR product analyses were conducted in different rooms to avoid cross-contamination.^{19 20}

Filtration testing

The filtration performance of the cloth and medical masks was tested according to the respiratory standard AS/NZS1716.²⁴ The equipment used was a TSI 8110 Filter tester. To test the filtration performance, the filter is challenged by a known concentration of sodium chloride particles of a specified size range and at a defined flow rate. The particle concentration is measured before and after adding the filter material and the relative filtration efficiency is calculated. We examined the performance of cloth masks compared with the performance levels—P1, P2 (=N95) and P3, as used for assessment of all particulate filters for respiratory protection. The 3M 9320 N95 and 3M Vflex 9105 N95 were used to compare against the cloth and medical masks.

Sample size calculation

To obtain 80% power at two-sided 5% significance level for detecting a significant difference of attack rate between medical masks and cloth masks, and for a rate of infection of 13% for cloth mask wearers compared with 6% in medical mask wearers, we would need eight clusters per arm and 530 participants in each arm, and intracluster correlation coefficient (ICC) 0.027, obtained from our previous study.⁸ The design effect (deff) for this cluster randomisation trial was 1.65 ($\text{deff}=1+(m-1)\times\text{ICC}=1+(25-1)\times 0.027=1.65$). As such, we aimed to recruit a sample size of 1600 participants from up to 15 hospitals.

Analysis

Descriptive statistics were compared among intervention and control arms. Primary end points were analysed by intention to treat. We compared the event rates for the primary outcomes across study arms and calculated p values from cluster-adjusted χ^2 tests²⁵ and ICC.^{25 26} We also estimated relative risk (RR) after adjusting for clustering using a log-binomial model under generalised estimating equation (GEE) framework.²⁷ We checked for variables which were unequally distributed across arms, and conducted an adjusted analysis accordingly. We fitted a multivariable log-binomial model, using GEE to account for clustering by ward, to estimate RR after adjusting for potential confounders. In the initial model, we included all the variables that had p value less than 0.25 in the univariable analysis, along with the main exposure variable (randomisation arm). A backward elimination method was used to remove the variables that did not have any confounding effect.

As most participants in the control arm used a mask during the trial period, we carried out a post-hoc analysis comparing all participants who used only a medical mask (from the control arm and the medical mask arm) with all participants who used only a cloth mask (from the control arm and the cloth arm). For this analysis, controls who used both types of mask (n=245) or used N95 respirators (n=3) or did not use any masks (n=2) were excluded. We fitted a multivariable log-binomial

model, to estimate RR after adjusting for potential confounders. As we pooled data of participants from all three arms and analysed by mask type, not trial arm, we did not adjust for clustering here. All statistical analyses were conducted using STATA V.12.²⁸

Owing to a very high level of mask use in the control arm, we were unable to determine whether the differences between the medical and cloth mask arms were due to a protective effect of medical masks or a detrimental effect of cloth masks. To assist in interpreting the data, we compared rates of infection in the medical mask arm with rates observed in medical mask arms from two previous RCTs,^{8 9} in which no efficacy of medical masks could be demonstrated when compared with control or N95 respirators, recognising that seasonal and geographic variation in virus activity affects the rates of exposure (and hence rates of infection outcomes) among HCWs. This analysis was possible because the trial designs were similar and the same outcomes were measured in all three trials. The analysis was carried out to determine if the observed results were explained by a detrimental effect of cloth masks or a protective effect of medical masks.

RESULTS

A total of 1607 HCWs were recruited into the study. The participation rate was 86% (1607/1868). The average number of participants per ward was 23 and the mean age was 36 years. On average, HCWs were in contact with 36 patients per day during the trial period (range 0–661 patients per day, median 20 patients per day). The distribution of demographic variables was generally similar between arms (table 1). Figure 2 shows the primary outcomes for each of the trial arms. The rates of CRI, ILI and laboratory-confirmed virus infections were lowest in the medical mask arm, followed by the control arm, and highest in the cloth mask arm.

Table 2 shows the intention-to-treat analysis. The rate of CRI was highest in the cloth mask arm, followed by the control arm, and lowest in the medical mask arm. The same trend was seen for ILI and laboratory tests confirmed viral infections. In intention-to-treat analysis, ILI was significantly higher among HCWs in the cloth masks group (RR=13.25 and 95% CI 1.74 to 100.97), compared with the medical masks group. The rate of ILI was also significantly higher in the cloth masks arm (RR=3.49 and 95% CI 1.00 to 12.17), compared with the control arm. Other outcomes were not statistically significant between the three arms.

Among the 68 laboratory-confirmed cases, 58 (85%) were due to rhinoviruses. Other viruses detected were hMPV (7 cases), influenza B (1 case), hMPV/rhinovirus co-infection (1 case) and influenza B/rhinovirus co-infection (1 case) (table 3). No influenza A or RSV infections were detected.

Compliance was significantly higher in the cloth mask arm (RR=2.41, 95% CI 2.01 to 2.88) and medical masks

Table 1 Demographic and other characteristics by arm of randomisation

Variable	Medical mask (% and 95% CI) (n=580)	Cloth mask (% and 95% CI) (n=569)	Control (% and 95% CI) (n=458)
Gender (male)	112/580	133/569	112/458
Age (mean)	19.3 (16.2 to 22.8)	23.4 (20.0 to 27.1)	24.5 (20.6 to 28.7)
Education (postgraduate)	36 (35.6 to 37.3)	35 (34.6 to 36.3)	36 (35.1 to 37.0)
Smoker (current/ex)	114/580	99/569	78/458
Pre-existing illness*	19.7 (16.5 to 23.1)	17.4 (14.3 to 20.8)	17.0 (13.7 to 20.8)
Influenza vaccination (yes)	78/580	79/569	66/458
Staff (doctors)	13.4 (10.8 to 16.5)	13.9 (11.1 to 17.0)	14.4 (11.3 to 18.0)
Number of hand washings per day (geometric mean)†	66/580	70/569	47/458
Number of patients had contact with (median and range)‡	11.4 (9.0 to 14.2)	12.3 (9.8 to 15.3)	10.3 (7.8 to 13.4)
	21/580	21/569	15/458
	3.6 (2.4 to 5.4)	3.7 (2.4 to 5.6)	3.3 (2.0 to 5.3)
	176/580	165/569	134/458
	30.3 (26.6 to 34.3)	29.0 (25.3 to 32.9)	29.3 (25.1 to 33.7)
	14 (13.8 to 15.4)	11 (10.9 to 11.9)	12 (11.5 to 12.7)
	21 (0 to 540)	21 (0 to 661)	18 (3 to 199)

*Includes asthma, immunocompromised and others.

†Hand wash variable was created by taking average of the number of hand washes performed by a healthcare worker (HCW) over the trial period. The variable was log transformed for the multivariate analysis.

‡Number of patients had contact with variable was created by taking average of the number of patients in contact with a HCW over the trial period. Median and range is presented in the table.

arm (RR=2.40, 95% CI 2.00 to 2.87), compared with the control arm. Figure 3 shows the percentage of participants who were compliant in the three arms. A post-hoc analysis adjusted for compliance and other potential confounders showed that the rate of ILI was significantly higher in the cloth mask arm (RR=13.00, 95% CI 1.69 to 100.07), compared with the medical masks arm (table 4). There was no significant difference between the medical mask and control arms. Hand washing was significantly protective against laboratory-confirmed viral infection (RR=0.66, 95% CI 0.44 to 0.97).

In the control arm, 170/458 (37%) used medical masks, 38/458 (8%) used cloth masks, and 245/458 (53%) used a combination of both medical and cloth masks during the study period. The remaining 1%

either reported using a N95 respirator (n=3) or did not use any masks (n=2).

Table 5 shows an additional analysis comparing all participants who used only a medical mask (from the control arm and the medical mask arm) with all participants who used only a cloth mask (from the control arm and the cloth arm). In the univariate analysis, all outcomes were significantly higher in the cloth mask group, compared with the medical masks group. After adjusting for other factors, ILI (RR=6.64, 95% CI 1.45 to 28.65) and laboratory-confirmed virus (RR=1.72, 95% CI 1.01 to 2.94) remained significantly higher in the cloth masks group compared with the medical masks group.

Table 6 compares the outcomes in the medical mask arm with two previously published trials.^{8 9} This shows that while the rates of CRI were significantly higher in one of the previously published trials, the rates of laboratory-confirmed viruses were not significantly different between the three trials for medical mask use.

On average, HCWs worked for 25 days during the trial period and washed their cloth masks for 23/25 (92%) days. The most common approach to washing cloth masks was self-washing (456/569, 80%), followed by combined self-washing and hospital laundry (91/569, 16%), and only hospital laundry (22/569, 4%). Adverse events associated with facemask use were reported in 40.4% (227/562) of HCWs in the medical mask arm and 42.6% (242/568) in the cloth mask arm (p value 0.450). General discomfort (35.1%, 397/1130) and breathing problems (18.3%, 207/1130) were the most frequently reported adverse events.

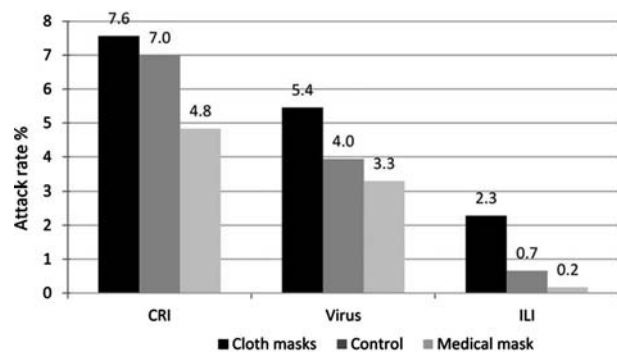


Figure 2 Outcomes in trial arms (CRI, clinical respiratory illness; ILI, influenza-like illness; Virus, laboratory-confirmed viruses).

Table 2 Intention-to-treat analysis

	CRI N (%)	RR (95% CI)	ILI N (%)	RR (95% CI)	Laboratory-confirmed viruses N (%)	RR (95% CI)
Medical mask*	28/580 (4.83)	Ref	1/580 (0.17)	Ref	19/580 (3.28)	Ref
Cloth masks†	43/569 (7.56)	1.57 (0.99 to 2.48)	13/569 (2.28)	13.25 (1.74 to 100.97)	31/569 (5.45)	1.66 (0.95 to 2.91)
Control‡	32/458 (6.99)	1.45 (0.88 to 2.37)	3/458 (0.66)	3.80 (0.40 to 36.40)	18/458 (3.94)	1.20 (0.64 to 2.26)

Bold typeface indicates statistically significant.

*p Value from cluster adjusted χ^2 tests is 0.510 and intracluster correlation coefficients is 0.065.

†p Value from cluster adjusted χ^2 tests is 0.028 and intracluster correlation coefficients is 0.029.

‡p Value from cluster adjusted χ^2 tests is 0.561 and intracluster correlation coefficients is 0.068.

CRI, clinical respiratory illness; ILI, influenza-like illness; RR, relative risk.

Laboratory tests showed the penetration of particles through the cloth masks to be very high (97%) compared with medical masks (44%) (used in trial) and 3M 9320 N95 (<0.01%), 3M Vflex 9105 N95 (0.1%).

DISCUSSION

We have provided the first clinical efficacy data of cloth masks, which suggest HCWs should not use cloth masks as protection against respiratory infection. Cloth masks resulted in significantly higher rates of infection than medical masks, and also performed worse than the control arm. The controls were HCWs who observed standard practice, which involved mask use in the majority, albeit with lower compliance than in the intervention arms. The control HCWs also used medical masks more often than cloth masks. When we analysed all mask-wearers including controls, the higher risk of cloth masks was seen for laboratory-confirmed respiratory viral infection.

The trend for all outcomes showed the lowest rates of infection in the medical mask group and the highest rates in the cloth mask arm. The study design does not allow us to determine whether medical masks had efficacy or whether cloth masks were detrimental to HCWs by causing an increase in infection risk. Either possibility, or a combination of both effects, could explain our results. It is also unknown whether the rates of infection observed in the cloth mask arm are the same or higher than in HCWs who do not wear a mask, as almost all participants in the control arm used a mask. The physical properties of a cloth mask, reuse, the frequency and effectiveness of cleaning, and increased moisture retention, may potentially increase the infection risk for

HCWs. The virus may survive on the surface of the face-masks,²⁹ and modelling studies have quantified the contamination levels of masks.³⁰ Self-contamination through repeated use and improper doffing is possible. For example, a contaminated cloth mask may transfer pathogen from the mask to the bare hands of the wearer. We also showed that filtration was extremely poor (almost 0%) for the cloth masks. Observations during SARS suggested double-masking and other practices increased the risk of infection because of moisture, liquid diffusion and pathogen retention.³¹ These effects may be associated with cloth masks.

We have previously shown that N95 respirators provide superior efficacy to medical masks,^{8,9} but need to be worn continuously in high-risk settings to protect HCWs.⁹ Although efficacy for medical masks was not shown, efficacy of a magnitude that was too small to be detected is possible.^{8,9} The magnitude of difference between cloth masks and medical masks in the current study, if explained by efficacy of medical masks alone, translates to an efficacy of 92% against ILI, which is possible, but not consistent with the lack of efficacy in the two previous RCTs.^{8,9} Further, we found no significant difference in rates of virus isolation in medical mask users between the three trials, suggesting that the results of this study could be interpreted as partly being explained by a detrimental effect of cloth masks. This is further supported by the fact that the rate of virus isolation in the no-mask control group in the first Chinese RCT was 3.1%, which was not significantly different to the rates of virus isolation in the medical mask arms in any of the three trials including this one. Unlike the previous RCTs, circulating influenza and RSV were almost completely absent during this study,

Table 3 Type of virus isolated

Study arm	hMPV	Rhino	Influenza B virus	hMPV & rhino	Influenza B virus & rhino	Total
Medical masks arm	1	16	1	1	0	19
Cloth mask arm	4	26	0	0	1	31
Control arm	2	16	0	0	0	18
Total	7	58	1	1	1	68

hMPV, human metapneumovirus; Rhino, rhinoviruses.

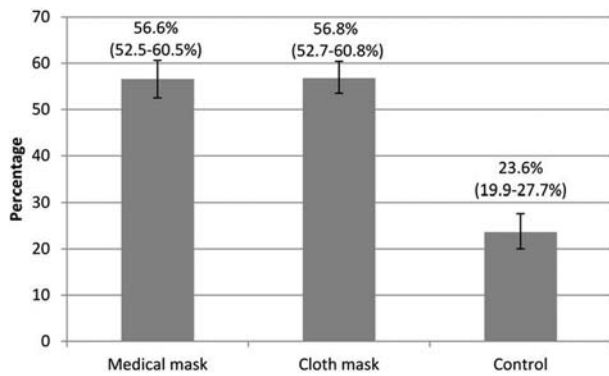


Figure 3 Compliance with the mask wearing—mask wearing more than 70% of working hours.

with rhinoviruses comprising 85% of isolated pathogens, which means the measured efficacy is against a different range of circulating respiratory pathogens. Influenza and RSV predominantly transmit through droplet and contact routes, while Rhinovirus transmits through multiple routes, including airborne and droplet routes.^{32 33} The data also show that the clinical case definition of ILI is non-specific, and captures a range of pathogens other than influenza. The study suggests medical masks may be protective, but the magnitude of difference raises the possibility that cloth masks cause an increase in infection risk in HCWs. Further, the filtration of the medical mask used in this trial was poor, making extremely high efficacy of medical masks unlikely, particularly given the predominant pathogen was rhinovirus, which spreads by the airborne route. Given the obligations to HCW occupational health and safety, it is important to consider the potential risk of using cloth masks.

In many parts of the world, cloth masks and medical masks may be the only options available for HCWs. Cloth masks have been used in West Africa during the Ebola outbreak in 2014, due to shortages of PPE, (personal communication, M Jalloh). The use of cloth masks is recommended by some health organisations, with caveats.³⁴⁻³⁶ In light of our study, and the obligation to ensure occupational health and safety of HCWs, cloth masks should not be recommended for HCWs, particularly during AGPs and in high-risk settings such as emergency, infectious/respiratory disease and intensive care

wards. Infection control guidelines need to acknowledge the widespread real-world practice of cloth masks and should comprehensively address their use. In addition, other important infection control measure such as hand hygiene should not be compromised. We confirmed the protective effects of hand hygiene against laboratory-confirmed viral infection in this study, but mask type was an independent predictor of clinical illness, even adjusted for hand hygiene.

A limitation of this study is that we did not measure compliance with hand hygiene, and the results reflect self-reported compliance, which may be subject to recall or other types of bias. Another limitation of this study is the lack of a no-mask control group and the high use of masks in the controls, which makes interpretation of the results more difficult. In addition, the quality of paper and cloth masks varies widely around the world, so the results may not be generalisable to all settings. The lack of influenza and RSV (or asymptomatic infections) during the study is also a limitation, although the predominance of rhinovirus is informative about pathogens transmitted by the droplet and airborne routes in this setting. As in previous studies, exposure to infection outside the workplace could not be estimated, but we would assume it to be equally distributed between trial arms. The major strength of the randomised trial design is in ensuring equal distribution of confounders and effect modifiers (such as exposure outside the workplace) between trial arms.

Cloth masks are used in resource-poor settings because of the reduced cost of a reusable option. Various types of cloth masks (made of cotton, gauze and other fibres) have been tested in vitro in the past and show lower filtration capacity compared with disposable masks.⁷ The protection afforded by gauze masks increases with the fineness of the cloth and the number of layers,³⁷ indicating potential to develop a more effective cloth mask, for example, with finer weave, more layers and a better fit.

Cloth masks are generally retained long term and reused multiple times, with a variety of cleaning methods and widely different intervals of cleaning.³⁴ Further studies are required to determine if variations in frequency and type of cleaning affect the efficacy of cloth masks.

Table 4 Multivariable cluster-adjusted log-binomial model to calculate RR for study outcomes

	CRI RR (95% CI)	ILI RR (95% CI)	Laboratory-confirmed viruses RR (95% CI)
Medical masks arm	Ref	Ref	Ref
Cloth mask arm	1.56 (0.97 to 2.48)	13.00 (1.69 to 100.07)	1.54 (0.88 to 2.70)
Control arm	1.51 (0.90 to 2.52)	4.64 (0.47 to 45.97)	1.09 (0.57 to 2.09)
Male	0.67 (0.41 to 1.12)	1.03 (0.34 to 3.13)	0.65 (0.34 to 1.22)
Vaccination	0.83 (0.27 to 2.52)	1.74 (0.24 to 12.56)	1.27 (0.41 to 3.92)
Hand washing	0.91 (0.66 to 1.26)	0.94 (0.40 to 2.20)	0.66 (0.44 to 0.97)
Compliance	1.14 (0.77 to 1.69)	1.86 (0.67 to 5.21)	0.86 (0.53 to 1.40)

Bold typeface indicates statistically significant.

CRI, clinical respiratory illness; ILI, influenza-like illness; RR, relative risk.

Table 5 Univariate and adjusted analysis comparing participants who used medical masks and cloth masks*

	Univariate RR (95% CI)	Adjusted RR (95% CI)
CRI		
Medical mask (35/750, 4.67%)	Ref	Ref
Cloth mask (46/607, 7.58%)	1.62 (1.06 to 2.49)	1.51 (0.97 to 2.32)
Male	0.60 (0.32 to 1.12)	0.58 (0.31 to 1.08)
Vaccination	0.66 (0.17 to 2.62)	0.68 (0.17 to 2.67)
Hand washing	0.81 (0.58 to 1.15)	0.84 (0.59 to 1.20)
Compliance	1.01 (1.00 to 1.03)	1.01 (1.00 to 1.02)
ILI		
Medical mask (2/750, 0.27%)	Ref	Ref
Cloth mask (13/607, 2.14%)	8.03 (1.82 to 35.45)	6.64 (1.45 to 28.65)
Male	0.95 (0.27 to 3.35)	0.92 (0.26 to 3.22)
Vaccination	1.87 (0.25 to 13.92)	1.97 (0.27 to 14.45)
Hand washing	0.56 (0.24 to 1.27)	0.61 (0.23 to 1.57)
Compliance	1.04 (1.01 to 1.08)	1.04 (1.00 to 1.08)
Laboratory-confirmed viruses		
Medical mask (22/750, 2.93%)	Ref	Ref
Cloth mask (34/607, 5.60%)	1.91 (1.13 to 3.23)	1.72 (1.01 to 2.94)
Male	0.64 (0.30 to 1.33)	0.61 (0.29 to 1.27)
Vaccination	0.97 (0.24 to 3.86)	1.03 (0.26 to 4.08)
Hand washing	0.61 (0.41 to 0.93)	0.65 (0.42 to 1.00)
Compliance	1.00 (0.99 to 1.02)	1.0 (0.99 to 1.02)

Bold typeface indicates statistically significant.

*The majority (456/458) of HCWs in the control arm used a mask. Controls who exclusively used a medical mask were categorised and analysed with the medical mask arm participants; and controls who exclusively wore a cloth mask were categorised and analysed with the cloth mask arm.

CRI, clinical respiratory illness; HCWs, healthcare workers; ILI, influenza-like illness; RR, relative risk.

Table 6 A comparison of outcome data for the medical mask arm with medical mask outcomes in previously published RCTs

	CRI N (%)	RR (95% CI)	ILI N (%)	RR (95% CI)	Laboratory-confirmed viruses N (%)	RR (95% CI)
Vietnam trial	28/580 (4.83)	Ref	1/580 (0.17)	Ref	19/580 (3.28)	Ref
Published RCT	33/492 (6.70)	1.40 (0.85 to 2.26)	3/492 (0.61)	3.53 (0.37 to 33.89)	13/492 (2.64)	0.80 (0.40 to 1.62)
China 1 ⁸						
Published RCT	98/572 (17.13)	3.54 (2.37 to 5.31)	4/572 (0.70)	4.06 (0.45 to 36.18)	19/572 (3.32)	1.01 (0.54 to 1.89)
China 2 ⁹						

Bold typeface indicates statistically significant.

CRI, Clinical respiratory illness; ILI, influenza-like illness; RCT, randomised clinical trial; RR, relative risk.

Pandemics and emerging infections are more likely to arise in low-income or middle-income settings than in wealthy countries. In the interests of global public health, adequate attention should be paid to cloth mask use in such settings. The data from this study provide some reassurance about medical masks, and are the first data to show potential clinical efficacy of medical masks. Medical masks are used to provide protection against droplet spread, splash and spray of blood and body fluids. Medical masks or respirators are recommended by different organisations to prevent transmission of Ebola virus, yet shortages of PPE may result in HCWs being forced to use cloth masks.^{38–40} In the interest of providing safe, low-cost options in low income countries, there is scope for research into more effectively designed cloth masks, but until such research is carried

out, cloth masks should not be recommended. We also recommend that infection control guidelines be updated about cloth mask use to protect the occupational health and safety of HCWs.

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From: [Chris Haar](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Comments
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:22:02 AM

I would like to voice my support for Option 3. Without a city-wide mandate, there will be too many exemptions, arguments, and claims that masks aren't needed. This also provides businesses a reprieve of policing the mask policies, and can simply point to the city policy.

Thank you.

Chris Haar
4841 Barbara Dr, Minnetonka, MN 55343


From: [Geraldyn Barone](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FW: Mask Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:13:15 AM

From: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Geraldyn Barone <gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Mask Ordinance

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cindy Eyden [REDACTED]
Date: July 11, 2020 at 10:53:54 PM CDT
To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: **Mask Ordinance**

Dear Deb,

I would like to have the city adopt an ordinance requiring facial coverings at all indoor businesses and facilities during this time of Covid 19 pandemic. The science does support the effectiveness of using masks - especially when everyone wears one - along with good hygiene and physical distancing.

I find I am more willing to shop in stores where masks and distancing are required. (Trader Joe's does an excellent job of this). It puts me at a bit of ease and I am able to shop more effectively than when I am constantly monitoring the location, movements and behavior of other patrons.

I know this will be controversial to some in our community. I don't know how you get around that unless you simply make a recommendation that shops, employees and shoppers all comply. I also have concerns that the shop owners will have to enforce this in the event that someone defies the ordinance. We have probably all heard stories of that getting ugly. I have also seen people wearing a mask in a way that it is completely ineffective. I'm not sure what you do with that situation either.

Just to be clear, I am in favor of some mask ordinance.

Thank you Deb,

Cindy Eyden
16824 Excelsior Blvd.

Minnetonka, MN 55345



From: [Colleen Haggar](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Brad Wiersum](#)
Subject: regarding masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:16:59 AM

Dear Mayor Wiersum and Mr. Salage,

These are difficult and unique times. I have appreciated the fact that you have managed the CoVid response thoughtfully. You have not overreacted and become extreme as some in leadership have.

With so many unknowns, the one thing that we do know is where most of the deaths from CoVid have been - in Senior Care Centers.. Please remember this since you are now revisiting your mask stance and if you need to 'react' to the 'mask rules'... I do not believe you do 'react'. I believe that what is in place is thoughtful and has been effective.

The beauty of our country is our freedoms. I ask that you consider that there are varied views on masks. The people of the City of Minnetonka have managed this well. Most people choose to wear masks, while some may not; but people keep their distance. Please do not let it become mob craziness with the masks. I am concerned about some members taking it upon themselves to 'teach people a lesson' and to 'control people'. We are a smart and generous community of people. We are thoughtful. We are engaged. We are mindful. Let us continue to act accordingly with the CURRENT face mask suggestion of - encouraging people to wear masks, while being okay if some do not.

I have seen some comments on Next Door. I will also ask you to please avoid using that as a source of valid opinion. Most Minnetonka people are NOT on this forum, or any Social Media forum. It has become contentious, with a great deal of divisive and sanctimonious banter. People are struggling to agree to disagree respectfully. Accusations can come in streams from a select group of people.. A SELECT GROUP of PEOPLE that have silenced others with tactics in bullying.

Again - the mask situation will continue to be ambiguous. There are varied beliefs from science, medicine, society... Mayor, I have appreciated your thoughtful emails that ask people to wear them as much as possible, but giving people choice as well. Some people CANNOT wear masks due to health issues. Some cannot HEAR when people wear masks... Let us have our choice while continuing to respect other peoples choice. Please - Please do not let this become a mob rule event where people police one another...

My husband and I have lived here for 25 years for a reason. Our communities have spoken for themselves in very thoughtful ways. Let us continue in this manner with no formal action on masks.

Respectfully,
Colleen Haggar
5270 Crestwood Dr
[REDACTED]

From: [Geraldyn Barone](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FW: Option 3
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:05:28 AM

From: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Geraldyn Barone <gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Option 3

Deb Calvert
Minnetonka City Council At Large Seat A

Begin forwarded message:

From: Constance Berman [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2020 at 5:07:30 PM CDT
To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>, Susan Carter <scarter@minnetonkamn.gov>, Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Option 3

I am a Minnetonka resident and strongly encourage the city to adopt Option 3: a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others outside.

As someone at a higher risk for complications or death due to COVID-19, I depend on the people around me to wear masks.

Thank you for helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 !!!
Sincerely,

Constance Berman
12700 Sherwood Place - #305, Minnetonka, MN 55305
[REDACTED]

From: [Craig Carlson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks Requirement in not Needed
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:11:00 PM

To whom it may concern: We are against a blanket requirement that people wear masks in the City of Minnetonka. We are very responsible citizens and are capable of deciding when a mask should be worn and when we can go without a mask. This is also a free country, so businesses can make their own decisions as to what they would like their employees and patrons to do. Please do not pass more restrictions in this city. Thank you!

Craig and Sandy Carlson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandating facemasks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:39:13 PM

As an essential worker in the City of Minnetonka, I urge you to adopt a citywide mandate that face coverings be required in all indoor public spaces.

Unless the city mandates it, people will feign confusion on why “this” business requires one, while “that” business doesn’t. A citywide mandate provides more clout to businesses, and the continuity and seriousness this pandemic requires.

I am 63 years old, and have been supporting the community of Minnetonka as a full time employee of Trader Joe’s since the beginning of this pandemic. At Trader Joe’s, we assume our responsibility to protect each other and our customers by wearing face masks; I would hope that the City of Minnetonka would respect the health of all essential workers by requiring everyone to wear face coverings in all indoor public spaces. Minneapolis does, Edina does...I urge Minnetonka to do so, also.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Borgert
1916 Hennepin Ave., Apt 3
Minneapolis, MN 55403
[REDACTED]

From: [Dana Rubin](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance In Mtka
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:42:14 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Morning,

I am writing this morning as a way to support a Mask Ordinance for the City of Minnetonka. I understand the council will be discussing it tonight and I am hopeful something will get passed.

My home address is
2788 Autumnwood Lane
Minnetonka 55305

Sincerely,
Dana

Dana Rubin

Development Director
952-542-4803 | drubin@jfcsmpls.org



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From: [Dani Schurter](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: oppose mask mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:37:23 AM

Good morning Kyle,

I'm writing to express my opposition to a mask mandate in our city. As a resident, I urge you to adopt Option 1: Continue soft messaging but take no formal action.

While reviewing the background documents, it appears the Lancet review is being used to justify a mask mandate. However, the Lancet article is rather limited in its scope and clearly indicates there is limited direct evidence masks reduce the spread and are contextually dependent on numerous factors.

“Although direct evidence is limited, the optimum use of face masks, in particular N95 or similar respirators in health-care settings and 12–16-layer cotton or surgical masks in the community, could depend on contextual factors; action is needed at all levels to address the paucity of better.”

The Lancet reviewed N95 masks (which are reserved for healthcare professionals), surgical masks, and 12-16 layer cotton masks. Your background documents quote Governor Walz encouraging Minnesotans “to wear a manufactured or **homemade cloth face** covering when they leave their homes and travel to any public setting where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.” The type of mask encouraged by the Governor - homemade cotton masks - aren't even indicated in the Lancet review as being efficacious. The majority of homemade masks are 1-2 layers of cotton, falling far short of the 12-16 layers indicated in the Lancet.

My concern with the mask mandate is there is no scientific evidence pointing to their efficacy and safety. I believe it will be another undue burden on businesses to enforce mask wearing in their place of business. Not to mention the myriad other risks of mask wearing including potential hypoxia, potential for increased viral load of the wearer, improperly discarded masks becoming sources of contamination, etc.

Please oppose a mask mandate in our City.

Thank you,

Dani Schurter
17801 Susan Ln (Ward 3)

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Minnetonka Mask policy feedback

From: Darcy Wright [REDACTED]

Date: July 11, 2020 at 11:55:45 AM CDT

To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: Minnetonka Mask policy feedback

Dear Deb,

I'm writing to request that Minnetonka does not create a mandatory mask policy. Decisions about my health and my families health should be between my doctor and myself and are not decisions I want made by the city, PERIOD! Let me ask you, as a parent of an immunocompromised child why don't they make vaccines required for entering school? There are many families that opt out of vaccination, and with infectious diseases that are spread at a much higher infection rate such as Measles, Pertussis, Hepatitis, and Varicella! How are you protecting my child here? How about the flu vaccination rates? Are you going to mandate that too? Only 49% of Minnesotans receive that vaccine! The flu season is right around the corner, and could be easily confused with this novel virus? How will you use your mighty powers to watch over all these uneducated families in Minnetonka? I believe this is my right, my body to decide how to keep my family healthy.

Especially given the most recent opinions of the World Health Organization and New England Journal of Medicine saying they don't offer protection to the general public unless properly used indoors. There is no rational according to the NEJM to wear one outdoors.

Are we really going to waste Minnetonka PD efforts with chasing masks? Turning on each other in our community?

The MN law below makes it a misdemeanor to wear one in public. This is not a medical treatment and does not meet the standard or definition of a medical treatment.

609.735 CONCEALING IDENTITY.

A person whose identity is concealed by the person in a public place by means of a robe, mask, or other disguise, unless based on religious beliefs, or incidental to amusement, entertainment, protection from weather, or medical treatment, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

In addition, according to multiple law enforcement officers and Attorneys wearing a mask makes it illegal to carry a firearm which violates our rights under the law.

Respectfully,

Darcy Wright
14011 Minnehaha Place
[REDACTED]

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Minnetonka mask policy

From: Darcy Wright [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Minnetonka mask policy

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Respectfully,

Darcy Wright
14011 Minnehaha Place
[REDACTED]

From: [David and Rebecca Evans](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Minnetonka - Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:17:30 PM

Hello Minnetonka Mayor and City Council,

I urge you to watch this very informative video by Dr. Kelly Victory prior to your meeting and decision tonight.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kFD5sQjIyGg&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1TmFvYzZjt6w_L191BIbuW3SNJDsovHsFpjXZDcRLOIAmXXe_IRg-wA-s

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Perhaps you could even play it during the meeting.

In in the video Dr. Victory says:

"Masks are intended for the ill, when they will be potentially in contact with others, and for those who are caring for them. Multiple medical authorities including the World Health Organization, the CDC, the New England Journal of Medicine have now all acknowledged that there is no scientific justification for normal, healthy people to be wearing masks. In fact, prolonged mask wearing actually increases the risk of disease to the wearer. People tend to touch their faces much more often when they are wearing a mask. In addition, we end up re-breathing particles that our lungs have exhaled. Whether it's pollen, dust virus or bacteria particles, they are trapped in the mask, and on the very next inhale we breathe them back in. Lastly, many people are wearing masks other than surgical or medical masks, and many of them are not porous enough to allow carbon dioxide that we exhale to fully dissipate, so on every inhalation we breathe back in more carbon dioxide. Furthermore, and very importantly, habitual wearing of masks decreases the body's natural immune response. We're supposed to come into contact regularly with foreign things, bacteria, viruses, all kinds of things, and that's what helps to keep our immune systems on alert, working at full capacity. If you limit your exposure to everything by constantly wearing masks or the overuse of hand sanitizers and disinfectants, your immune system in effect says "Apparently I'm not needed. I'll go on vacation, take a nap" and it won't be prepped and ready when you need it to mount the appropriate immune response."

There is much more valuable information in addition to what I quoted on how our immune systems function and the likelihood of developing a vaccine.

With science and medical professionals widely disagreeing about the effectiveness of masks, and in consideration of the potential risks they may pose as well as the possible false sense of security they may provide, it makes no sense to mandate them for the entire community. Most people seem to already be making very responsible decisions on their own, and our state has been doing relatively well with the number of deaths continuing to decline.

Thank you!

Rebecca & David Evans

From: [David Birrow](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Herrick](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:14:16 PM

Hello,

My name is David Birrow. My wife, Stephanie Herrick, along with our two-year old son Nathaniel, live at 15028 Williston Ln, Minnetonka, MN 55345. My phone number is [REDACTED].

First off, we've been encouraged by the communications from Mayor Wiersum throughout this pandemic. It is clear that the city takes science and this virus seriously and that has made us feel proud to call Minnetonka home.

Second, we implore you to adopt Option 3: Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others. It's the very least we can do as a city and society to protect one another and stop the spread of this virus.

As asthma sufferers, we have been strictly social distancing and wearing masks. But we see too many people around town not wearing masks or taking necessary precautions. A mask ordinance may not get 100% compliance from the population, but many, many more will take it seriously and wear masks if it is required.

I am a middle and high school teacher. This fall, I'll be facing large groups of people all day long at work and I'll be wearing a mask the entire day to protect myself, the students, and other faculty.

How am I supposed to feel safe coming home and heading to the grocery store just to stand in line next to people who are not wearing masks?

Please adopt a required mask ordinance for the safety of our family and for all people in Minnetonka. I couldn't agree more with Mayor Wiersum when he said: "Wearing a mask is simply respectful, courteous behavior."

Thank you,

David Birrow and Stephanie Herrick

From: [David Landt](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: In favor of option 3
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:29:43 AM

City council:

As a resident of Minnetonka and a Pastor of a church in Minnetonka, I am encouraging the council to adopt option 3. Compliance and safety are so much greater in stores and cities that have a mask required. I would be grateful for our city to make mask wearing standard practice.

- **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

Thank you!
David Landt
13713 Favorite Lane
Minnetonka, 55305

From: [David Rose](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:33:57 PM

I'm sending this from my son's email, since my computer isn't working right now.

My son works as a grocer in Minnetonka. Ever since COVID-19 I worry about him every time he goes to work. Being a frontline worker puts him at a much greater risk of contracting the virus. I am new to Minnesota, having moved here in November of 2019. I'm 84 and have numerous health problems that prevent me from driving, so I depend on my son to shop for all of my essentials. I would be able to sleep much better if I knew that masks were required at the store my son works, as well as the other stores he shops in. Please make masks mandatory at all stores and shops in Minnetonka.

Thank you,

Sarah Rose
12600 Marion Lane W
Apt. 320
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [David Rose](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:55:00 AM

I think Minnetonka should make masks mandatory for all retail establishments. I work at Trader Joe's in Minnetonka. We are exposed to thousands of customers per week. We have no way of knowing if our customers are carrying the Covid-19 virus. At least 2 of our other stores in Minnesota have had employees contract the virus. The science is strong in support of wearing masks, unfortunately if everyone doesn't participate we are all at much greater risk to get Covid-19. Please vote to make masks mandatory.


Thank you.

David Rose
3223 31st Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55406

From: [David Zaroff](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [David Zaroff](#)
Subject: In favor of a mask ordinance in City of Minnetonka
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:05:17 AM

David Zaroff
11267 Overlook Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305

David Zaroff



From: [Glen and Davida Goldman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comments for July 13 Council Meeting
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:16:50 PM

Hello. Please accept these comments regarding the mask issue to be considered at the July 13 meeting.

We are residents that are strongly in favor of option #3 - a city-wide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within 6 feet of others. COVID cases are booming in the suburbs and it is clear that masks are the most effective means to control the spread. Optionally has failed. It is time to require people to act responsibly and with regard for the safety of others.

We'd like to also note that we have ceased patronizing businesses that do not require their staff and customers to wear masks. If Mtka cannot offer a safe environment we will support businesses in communities that do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Glen and Davida Goldman
15118 Williston LN
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Debbie Simon](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:02:10 AM

Please vote "yes" to make it mandatory to wear a mask in all public places such as grocery stores, shopping centers, retail stores, etc.

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From: [Debbie Simon](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Mask
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:04:59 AM

Please approve the ordinance requiring a face mask in all public places such as grocery stores, shopping centers, retail stores, Office buildings, etc.

Deborah Simon
2789 Breckenridge Rd
Minnetonka 55305

From: [DeDe Barnum](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Minnetonka Mask Mandate
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:05:28 PM

PLEASE MANDATE MASK WEARING IN OUR CITY OF MINNETONKA. It is simple.

No mask. No entry.

Please keep us all safe.

I have been doing all of my shopping in EDINA lately b/c of their mask mandate. It pains me not to shop local, but I will not frequent Minnetonka shops until there is a mask mandate in Minnetonka.

It is time.

DeDe Barnum

From: [Desirae Zarling](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: 2 Votes for yes for mandatory mask wearing in public
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:09:44 AM

Please vote yes for mandatory mask wearing in Minnetonka public. Our family wants everyone to be as safe as possible.

Thank you!
Desirae and Kevin Zarling
4200 Redding Ridge Dr
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Diann Ccrane](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask or no mask
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:06:42 PM

I think we should all be wearing masks in public spaces. It's difficult for people to grasp the idea that just because they don't know of anyone who's got Covid doesn't mean they won't. It is a public health crisis, one that not enough people are educated about or understand. We are mandated to wear seatbelts and motorcycle helmets because they save lives. Masks, in my opinion fall under the same category. Even my medical professional friends recommend it. We all should be wearing a mask.

Regards,
Diann Crane
4124 Skyview Road

From: [Donna Vieillard](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Council meeting
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:56:49 PM

Hello all

Thank you for your work for the city of minnetonka

I would like to note to every council member my strong opinion that minnetonka should continue with only it's current state of 'wearing masks is strongly recommended '

I believe our city is better off retaining freedoms and reducing risk of being sued

The city is not a qualified medical provider and could open itself to lawsuits for discrimination particularly from the Americans with disabilities act. There are disabilities where people cannot wear a mask such as asthma, autism and PTSD.

It is not legal to ask someone what their disabilities are- that is private medical information

I do not want to see our citizens put in a position where they must disclose private information for a mandate mask policy.

In addition research is showing that masks themselves if not changed frequently carry enormous amounts of viruses on their surfaces. So you can reinfection yourself.

Please consider the freedoms and privacy that our constitution has always protected and vote no mandate on masks

Donna
18501 Lime Tree Ct
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [McKaia Ryberg](#)
To: [McKaia Ryberg](#)
Subject: FW: I urge you to make sure masks are voluntary, not mandatory
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:34:09 AM

From: dyan d bryson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 4, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: I urge you to make sure masks are voluntary, not mandatory

Re: I urge you to make sure masks are voluntary, not mandatory

Dear Council Member Schaeppi,

I am writing to urge you to do your part to make sure that mask-wearing is voluntary, not mandatory.

Many jurisdictions are basing their face mask policies on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC has flip-flopped its position on face coverings several times since March but is now recommending that everyone wear a mask in public. This recommendation is not supported by strong empirical evidence. Though there is science to support mask-wearing, there's also a preponderance of science showing that masks can cause considerable harm and are ineffective in preventing the spread of coronavirus. There is also no science supporting the use of masks by healthy individuals. So emergency orders that are being issued to help protect public health are actually hurting individuals' physical and emotional well being — and violating their basic human rights, constitutional rights and religious rights.

Evidence that masks reduce the transmission of viral respiratory infections within community settings is equivocal at best. A recent meta-analysis (bit.ly/2VHaubd) that included nearly a dozen randomized, controlled trials and 10 observational studies found that there was no clear clinical or laboratory-confirmed evidence that masks prevent infection. Even the U.S. Surgeon General has noted that masks "are not effective in preventing the general public from catching the coronavirus." (bit.ly/31Dgdm5)

IN TERMS OF HARM, studies show that wearing a face covering reduces blood and tissue oxygenation — which can be deadly — while increasing carbon dioxide levels. The use of masks can also increase the risk of infection and the spread of viral illness (particularly cloth masks), hinder detoxification that occurs through exhalation, impair the immune system, and cause a wide range other physical and psychological issues. (bit.ly/31Epv1e). Moreover, some masks have been found to contain known carcinogens, which put people at risk from inhaling toxic chemicals and having them come into contact with their skin.

PEOPLE are NOT USING them correctly - which makes masks WORSE (ppl are touching them, then touching everything with their "infected" touch). POINTLESS, USELESS, and WORSE than w/o a mask. in other words: SPREADING CoVid by MISUSE of MASKS. You DO want to spread CoVid right? BEST Way to SPREAD is by Masks SATURATED w/CoVid being TOUCHED &

SPREAD by the wearers. THAT MAKES SENSE... doesnt it?!!! Yeah, those in the Govt have ? Common Sense? or lack common sense - more than likely, as the use of masks continue. There is no science to support the use of masks by healthy individuals, and the World Health Organization backed this up when it said, "WHO stands by recommendations to not wear masks if you are not sick or caring for someone who is sick." Forcing healthy individuals to wear face coverings is a completely unnecessary intervention that dehumanizes their interactions with others. More important, it eliminates their right to make informed decisions about what risks and precautions they are willing to take.

It is unethical and unconstitutional to subject healthy, law-abiding citizens to measures that can result in physical and emotional harm and that impinge on their ability to move freely throughout society. For those with deeply held religious beliefs, mask mandates violate their ability to abide by natural law and follow their convictions to walk in faith, not fear. As such, the decision to wear a mask is a highly personal one and should not be universally mandated; measures that are meant to protect the community as a whole are not effective if they hurt individuals in that community.

Mandatory medicine and mandated interventions such as social distancing and mask-wearing have no place in a free society; citizens want to maintain the right to make responsible decisions about what is best for themselves and their children based on their own unique circumstances. I urge you to do the right thing, stand for choice and protect all individuals by encouraging — not mandating — the use of face masks in the community. This policy can be bolstered by asking at-risk populations and those who are sick to self-quarantine, with society taking the best care of them possible.

Thank you for your continued leadership during these unprecedented times and for upholding the health and the rights of your constituents.

Sincerely,

dyan d bryson

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[REDACTED]

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From: [Eric Bressler](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance: my comments
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:37:07 AM

As Minnetonka considers implementing a face mask ordinance, I'd like to share my experience two weeks ago in Summit County, Colorado. A local ordinance is in force that requires people to wear face masks in indoor spaces (<https://summitcountyhealth.org/public-announcements/mask-faqs/>). My family and I encountered signs requiring face masks at the entrances to every store we entered, often saying "No mask, no service." This made the mask-wearing a routine practice. Nobody was complaining or acting out, and employees were thrilled that they didn't have to be enforcers of store policies. Some places offered free masks for use by those who hadn't brought their own. Contrast this with the sad experience of a new store that opened in Minnetonka recently. Mask-wearing was not required initially. There was a long heated discussion on social media about the pros and cons of this store's policies that eventually damaged the store's reputation. Eventually the owners were forced to implement a face mask requirement. Face mask ordinances in our Minnesota cities will help businesses avoid this experience. And according to epidemiologists, wearing face masks indoors in public will allow people to minimize exposure to COVID-19 and go about their lives more safely.

Eric L. Bressler, MD
2465 Crowne Hill Road
Minnetonka

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- Eric

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: In Support of Emergency Ordinance Related to Face Coverings

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:37 PM

To: Brad Wiersum; Bradley Schaeppi; Deborah Calvert; Susan Carter

Subject: In Support of Emergency Ordinance Related to Face Coverings

Dear Mayor Wiersum and Council Members Schaeppi, Calvert & Carter,

My wife, Jennifer, and I are Minnetonka residents in Ward 3 (Richards Drive W). We write in support of the proposed “emergency ordinance related to face covering requirements within specified indoor spaced within the city” as specified starting at page 90 the Agenda book for the July 13, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting (the “Ordinance”). The findings section of the proposed Ordinance appropriately details the factual and scientific basis for the ordinance. Yet when my wife and I go to stores in Minnetonka, we frequently encounter others who refuse to wear face coverings (either masks or face shields). It seems that attempts to establish social norms without resorting to formal legally enforceable ordinances or governmental orders matter little to many individuals in the community. For numerous reasons, we believe that formal requirements for indoor face covering must be implemented by our governmental bodies. While we would prefer this to come from a higher governmental level (County or State) for increased uniformity, that does not appear to be in the works anytime in the immediate future. Meanwhile, it appears that if passed on Monday, July 13, 2020, this proposed Ordinance can go into effect as early as July 23.

We believe the proposed Ordinance is reasonably balanced, addresses necessary accommodations, and provides the appropriate enforcement mechanism (including giving businesses the right to trespass an individual who refuses to leave the premises to “make a point” of their defiance). As such, we strongly support the proposed Ordinance and as your constituents urge you to vote in favor of its implementation and enforcement.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Regards,
Eric & Jennifer Mandel

From: [Evy Engrav](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Wear a Mask Campaign
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:27:13 PM

Hi -

I will be speaking tomorrow about masks for Minnetonka.

I found this today from Wisconsin Council of Churches and I would like the City Council to see this campaign.

<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/06/17/love-your-neighbor-wear-a-mask/>

Love your neighbor- wear a mask.

Warm

Regards,

Evy

Evy Engrav

Please excuse brevity, errors and any typos as this email is sent from my mobile device.

From: [Francie Ross](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:25:23 PM

Please vote for this ordinance.

Francie Ross
11295 Overlook Drive
Minnetonka, MN
55305

From: [Geoffrey Bray](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Mandates
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:26:14 AM

Hello. My wife and I are residents of Minnetonka and we OPPOSE mask mandates. Thank you very much for considering the input of your residents and our personal thoughts below before making this very impactful decision.

We have several concerns regarding the mandate of masks in our community for several reasons. But we ultimately believe that each individual reserves the right to make their own choice rather than be mandated against their will to "protect their health" especially when there are specific health risks involved in that mandate.

INEFFECTIVE

According to the WHO website (1) and Michael Osterholm in the video below, masks are a false sense of security and there is little if any evidence that they are effective.

Michael Osterholm, PHD, MPH (U of M epidemiologist and renowned infectious disease expert)
- https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3CgIBhn0znM&fbclid=IwAR1hneC6FgyWcd_OVThvMAIM5FJqEW82K14ccaDSOG0MRqWJVtKZjzHU5mc&feature=youtu.be

While out in the community I have heard many people say, "we don't need to worry about 6 ft, we have masks on". What will happen to social distancing measures if people are uneducated about the ineffectiveness of masks?

Why would we waste resources in policing something that has unsubstantial and possibly negative impacts on the pandemic?

RISK OF USE

1. Health impacts - The World Health organization states that currently there are no studies that have evaluated the potential adverse effects of universal or targeted continuous medical mask use among health care workers (1). If they have not done these studies to ensure medical masks are safe for healthcare workers, have they done them for cloth masks, particularly employees who wear them all day? I have personally heard many anecdotal reports of people who claim physical reactions to the constraints of masks, beyond just reducing the ability to breath which the WHO does acknowledge (2). How can we say that adverse events are implausible if there are no studies looking at this issue? And if we cannot, then how can we mandate them?

2. Improper usage - The WHO states on their website an increased risk to contracting COVID19 if masks are used incorrectly.

"Non-medical or fabric masks could increase potential for COVID-19 to infect a person if the mask is contaminated by dirty hands and touched often, or kept on other parts of the face or head and then placed back over the mouth and nose" (2).

I have never seen an adult utilize a mask correctly, let alone a child. Masks are worn on the chin or hanging from one ear, carried loose with dirty hands and tossed into dirty purses. And who washes their hands before and after putting it on or removing it? Will this mandate apply to schools and young children in our city? What danger will that pose if they wear them in school all day long touching, playing with and ripping off their masks. It will also distract them from learning.

Are we going to invest in community education for property mask usage adding even further burden to the cost of this crisis?

NECESSITY

Before we use rising case counts as justification to impose further draconian measures on citizens, we should understand what the case counts mean and how they are derived. There is a growing concern that counting positive test results instead of counting individuals who test positive is magnifying the problem unrealistically. One person can undergo multiple positive tests until cleared of the virus.

As well, there are very low standards in place to qualify as a probable case and these are added to the total case count (3). This could also be magnifying what the current infection rate and risk of exposure actually is. At a commissioners court meeting in Texas the likelihood of this is discussed (4).

Thank you very much for your time in directing the most safe, effective and prudent measures our community should take as we work together to combat this crisis.

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My best always,

Geoffrey Bray
Broker/Owner

ENGEL & VÖLKERS, Minneapolis
1601 Hennepin Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55403

USA

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Internet: minneapolis.evrealstate.com

Email: [REDACTED]

From: [Gina Haar](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: City council meeting: masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:36:32 AM

To whom it may concern:

I'm in support of city wide public masks.

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- **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

Please consider voting for this option, it effects businesses I support and places I go. I'd like to economy to safely re-open, but we can't do so unless masks are mandatory. I would feel safer if it were required.

Thank you
Gina Haar
4841 Barbara drive
Minnetonka 55343

From: [Gina Vick](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comment on mask wearing options
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:09:08 AM

Hi! I would like to submit a comment regarding the options for mask wearing that will be discussed at the city on Monday, 7/13. I live in Minnetonka - name and address below.

I believe the City needs to stick with Option 1 - Continue encouragement with no formal action.

People ought to have the freedom to make their own decisions as to whether or not to wear a mask. Business ought to have the freedom to decide whether they will or will not allow people into their buildings with/without a mask.

Let us remember that adults are capable and able to make their own decisions & help guide their children to make their decision/choices.

I believe that mandating mask wearing will do 3 things - instill more fear, create more division, cause more shaming - all of which are on an uptick and we definitely do not need more of. Real change never comes from any of these things.

Let's not be surprised that there is a rise of COVID cases in MN. Isn't this what we expected? Isn't this why we closed the entire state for 2 months so we could prepare? The government told us the peak will be in July. Well, here we are - why are we surprised by this? Instead we need to be celebrating that people are not dying at the rate they said they would. That people who get this virus are recovering - more & more! That the warehouse that was bought to store all the dead bodies isn't needed. This is all good news! What if we start focusing on the good & not on fear - My how our days would be different.

Perhaps along with educating people to wear masks we ALSO educate people on where real health comes from - eating nutrient dense foods, getting good sleep, exercising, drinking water, staying away from sugar and junk food, etc.

My point is this - Let's stop instilling fear. Let's continue to let people make their own choices. Let's remember that in this country, and in this City, we have freedom and that's what makes this place beautiful. Not everyone looks, believes, thinks, and makes the same choices, and yet we have the freedom to be & be together. Let's keep it that way.

I'm sure your discussion on mask wearing and any decisions based upon those discussions will not come lightly. I know people are very passionate about this topic one way or another. I appreciate you taking the time to read my comment and hope the best for your meeting on Monday.

Thank you,

Gina Vick
13305 Loveland Circle, Minnetonka

From: [Gloria Fredkove](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:00:04 PM

My husband, Joe, and I live at 12020 Mayflower Circle, Minnetonka 55305. We are in full support of any ordinance that makes wearing a mask stricter. We think it should be mandatory in all indoor public places.

Thank you,
Gloria and Joe Fredkove

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:50:48 PM

Hi

I am really glad that the Minnetonka City Council is taking seriously the safety of it's citizens and considering a mandate that face masks should be required in indoor public spaces.

I live in Minnetonka with my husband and children. Currently we only go to stores that we know are careful with masks and taking proper precautions and would love to see it become mandatory so that we would feel more comfortable shopping and frequenting other locations and businesses as well. Right now there is a lot of peer pressure among teenagers, and if masks are required, although they may not be happy with it, they will follow the rules and it will be safer for everyone.

I support this mandate

Thank you

H. Safa

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Option 3: Require Face Masks

From: Hal Kaufman [REDACTED]

Date: July 12, 2020 at 5:05:25 PM CDT

To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Susan Carter <scarter@minnetonkamn.gov>, Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: Option 3: Require Face Masks

Hi! I am a Minnetonka resident and strongly encourage the city to adopt Option 3: A citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

Thank you for helping to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Hal Kaufman
1995 Dwight Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: I urge you to make sure masks are voluntary, not mandatory

From: Holly Ricke [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:48 PM

To: Brian Kirk

Subject: I urge you to make sure masks are voluntary, not mandatory

Re: I urge you to make sure masks are voluntary, not mandatory

Dear Council Member Kirk,

I am writing to urge you to do your part to make sure that mask-wearing is voluntary, not mandatory.

Many jurisdictions are basing their face mask policies on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC has flip-flopped its position on face coverings several times since March but is now recommending that everyone wear a mask in public. This recommendation is not supported by strong empirical evidence. Though there is science to support mask-wearing, there's also a preponderance of science showing that masks can cause considerable harm and are ineffective in preventing the spread of coronavirus. There is also no science supporting the use of masks by healthy individuals. So emergency orders that are being issued to help protect public health are actually hurting individuals' physical and emotional well being — and violating their basic human rights, constitutional rights and religious rights.

Evidence that masks reduce the transmission of viral respiratory infections within community settings is equivocal at best. A recent meta-analysis (bit.ly/2VHaubd) that included nearly a dozen randomized, controlled trials and 10 observational studies found that there was no clear clinical or laboratory-confirmed evidence that masks prevent infection. Even the U.S. Surgeon General has noted that masks “are not effective in preventing the general public from catching the coronavirus.” (bit.ly/31Dgdm5)

In terms of harm, studies show that wearing a face covering reduces blood and tissue oxygenation — which can be deadly — while increasing carbon dioxide levels. The use of masks can also increase the risk of infection and the spread of viral illness (particularly cloth masks), hinder detoxification that occurs through exhalation, impair the immune system, and cause a wide range of other physical and psychological issues. (bit.ly/31Epv1e). Moreover, some masks have been found to contain known carcinogens, which put people at risk from inhaling toxic chemicals and having them come into contact with their skin.

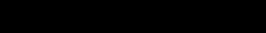
There is no science to support the use of masks by healthy individuals, and the World Health Organization backed this up when it said, “WHO stands by recommendations to not wear masks if you are not sick or caring for someone who is sick.” Forcing healthy individuals to wear face coverings is a completely unnecessary intervention that dehumanizes their interactions with others. More important, it eliminates their right to make informed decisions about what risks and precautions they are willing to take.

It is unethical and unconstitutional to subject healthy, law-abiding citizens to measures that can result in physical and emotional harm and that impinge on their ability to move freely throughout society. For those with deeply held religious beliefs, mask mandates violate their ability to abide by natural law and follow their convictions to walk in faith, not fear. As such, the decision to wear a mask is a highly personal one and should not be universally mandated; measures that are meant to protect the community as a whole are not effective if they hurt individuals in that community.

Mandatory medicine and mandated interventions such as social distancing and mask-wearing have no place in a free society; citizens want to maintain the right to make responsible decisions about what is best for themselves and their children based on their own unique circumstances. I urge you to do the right thing, stand for choice and protect all individuals by encouraging — not mandating — the use of face masks in the community. This policy can be bolstered by asking at-risk populations and those who are sick to self-quarantine, with society taking the best care of them possible.

Thank you for your continued leadership during these unprecedented times and for upholding the health and the rights of your constituents.

Sincerely,
Holly Ricke


4000 Baker Road Minnetonka, MN 55305 Constituent

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re: Mask mandate
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:38:44 PM

One more study showing the ineffectiveness of cloth masks which the vast majority of people wear.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4420971/>

Howard Fidler
17631 Arrowhead Trl

From: [Howard Liszt](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:33:06 PM

PLEASE, do what you can to make face masks mandatory in public places.
This is even more important than social distancing in combating Covid-19.
I'm astounded and concerned at the number of residents who don't wear masks in Minnetonka.
Please take action

Thanks
Howard Liszt
15946 Portico Dr

From: [Jaci Bittner](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Minnetonka masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:41:45 AM

I support option 1, continue to encourage mask wearing.

Jaci Bittner
12109 Joanne lane Minnetonka

From: [James Lee](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re: Face Mask Mandates In Minnetonka
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:18:29 PM

My name is James Lee and I live at 6519 Gray Fox Curve Chanhassen MN .
Both of my children attend Minnetonka Elementary Schools and are currently active within multiple Minnetonka Youth Sports.

I strongly oppose the City mandating the use of a mask in public but would be more supportive of the the City urging or recommending an action.
In this instance I would differ to the individual business and citizen to determine what is the best solution for them.

Speaking with other Minnetonka parents at my children's recent sporting events and other public settings I have found most oppose public mask mandates.
If an individual is uncomfortable being around others without masks they have the option to stay home or choose situations where they can avoid contact.
Most major retailers and restaurants still open in Minnetonka are offering a delivery or non-contact pick up solution to meet essential needs.

I am also concerned with City Council passing a difficult to enforce law that will be subject to government and police interpretation.
This level of interpretation and implementation will put the City of Minnetonka in a difficult position: Why was one person or business cited vs. another? Will you rely on citizens to report non-compliance or will this burden fall to the Police? Could individuals be targeted or discriminated against under this possible mandate?

I hope you weigh my feedback into your decision.

Thank you,

James Lee

[Redacted signature]

From: [Jamie Paz](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask requirement- yes please
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:41:36 AM

Hello-

My name is Jamie Paz and I understand you have on your agenda for Monday a mask requirement proposal. I'd like to extend my full support for such a proposal. To shop and wear a mask is beneficial to all involved. This is not a time for stubbornness or vanity. This is a time for us all to come together for the health and safety of our community. I hope you will support this as well.

I live in the Deephaven/Shorewood area and not Minnetonka proper but I do all my shopping in Minnetonka, my kids go to school in Minnetonka and most of what we do and our neighbors do is there. What Minnetonka decides affects us all greatly. Let's do the right thing. Thank you.

Jamie Paz & Family
20595 Spencer Lane
Shorewood MN 55331

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandates
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:35:51 PM

I am **Completely Opposed** to any kind of Mask mandates. NO.

Option 1 is good enough.

People and businesses can choose to or not. Mandating masks would be the equivalent of putting people under house-arrest. Can you do that? Can you prevent someone from stepping outside their own residence without forcing them to use a mask? This is unacceptable.

Deaths have been declining and it's been 4 months already and now you want to consider mask mandates with this pandemic almost over?

How about people's health? 98% of the population are NOT infected and are healthy. Forcing them to wear a mask all day will cause massive Physical harm to the health of the population. Healthy people wearing masks is NOT HEALTHY, especially for children!

Jason Balken
Minnetonka, MN

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Jennifer Sigfrinius](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please pass mask ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:48:30 PM

I hope the enforced mask ordinance is passed to protect all of us. Please strongly consider this option to ensure safety now and minimize the death and severely ill toll.

Thank you,
Jen

From: [Jeremy Sherman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Fwd: In Support if Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:29:59 PM

Kyle,

It was recommended I share this with you as well.

Please express my support.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jeremy Sherman** [REDACTED]
Date: Sun, Jul 12, 2020 at 10:26 PM
Subject: In Support if Masks
To: [Brad Wiersum](#)

Dear Mayor,

I am a Minnetonka resident and understand there is a discussion tomorrow 7/13 on the proposed use of face coverings. I'd like to express my support of the required mask coverings. As a young family with a pregnant wife it is important we all do what we can to stop the spread of COVID-19. I ask you to support the requirement.

Kindly,
Jeremy Sherman
2610 Sylvan Road S
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Jill Magnuson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:42:26 AM

I support the city requiring masks when entering any building. I do not think masks should be required when outside. Jill Magnuson, 5533 Mahoney ave, mtk, [REDACTED]

From: [Joanna Dulkan](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:55:30 AM

Please, PLEASE mandate mask wearing in public. We have been scared to go ANYWHERE as a result of seeing dumb people gathering without them.

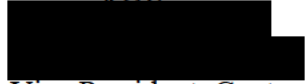
Sincerely

Joanna and Ryan Dulkan
11568 Fetterly Lane, Mtka 55305

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Hazzan Joanna S. Dulkan

hazzanj@gmail.com



Vice President, Cantors Assembly ~ cantors.org

From: [Jodi Washek](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: City Council Meeting - July 13, 2020
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:57:22 AM

I would like to comment on the face mask options for the City of Minnetonka.

I support Option 1 – Continue encouragement with no formal action.

Thank you,
Jodi Washek

12116 Joanne Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Joe McCarty](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Coverings
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:51:06 AM

Dear City Council Members,
My name is Joe McCarty, I am
the Captain (General Manager) of Trader Joe's here in MTKA.

Trader Joe's currently does not have a mandatory mask policy. We are a very busy store and an essential business, and it has proven to be difficult for us to adhere to the CDC recommendations for social distancing. We, as a company, have left such decisions to our elected officials, based on the advice of health care professionals.

As an essential worker who manages a business in MTKA that serves close to 15,000 customers a week, I implore you to please help me keep my customers & crew safe.

Please mandate that face coverings be worn when social distancing is difficult; grocery stores, public transportation, crowds of 10+, etc.. This is, after all, what the WHO, the CDC, the MDH, and every other medical scientist is suggesting. Wearing a face covering while shopping is not a hardship - it's an act of selflessness to protect others. I wear a face covering to protect my customers (and crew) for 60 hours a week. I don't think it's too much to ask others to wear one for 20 minutes while they shop.

This requirement will help me protect over 100 essential workers (Trader Joe's crew) many of which are elderly, or immune compromised, or going through chemotherapy to treat cancer.

We are essential workers, and we're proportionally more vulnerable or susceptible to getting Covid-19 because of increased exposure. We need your help.

Please do the right thing, and make face covering mandatory in MTKA.

Err on the side of caution to keep those who you took an oath to serve,
safe from any possible danger?

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe McCarty

Store Captain

Trader Joe's MTKA

From: [Joe Nelson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Wearing
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:49:12 AM

We would like to enforce masks in Minnetonka

We live at

10506 Belmont Road
Minnetonka MN 55305

Thanks
Joe and Mike Nelson

From: [Jon Olson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:56:44 PM

I work in Minnetonka at Trader Joe's. I would like to see masks required in public buildings per CDC guidelines. Please vote to require them to better protect people at risk.

Jon Olson


From: [Geraldyn Barone](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FW: JULY 13
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:18:26 AM

From: Judith Hachfeld [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Brian Kirk
Subject: JULY 13

KEEP MINNETONKA FREE...**NO** TO FACE MASK MANDATE. DO **NOT** EXCEED THE AUTHORITY FOR WHICH YOU WERE ELECTED, AND PLEASE DON'T FORCE ME TO LEAVE MY CITY TO SHOP. I VOTE!

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Mask ordinance in Minnetonka

From: Julie H [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Mask ordinance in Minnetonka

Please pass mask ordinance. Me and my family have been working so hard to distance and wear masks. We now know from the beginning of the epidemic had people been wearing masks, far less people would've died. Wearing masks in public make it possible to go out and work and keep people healthy. It is a common sense approach and I will be deeply disappointed by anyone voting against it. As a compromise, perhaps put a three-month sunset date on the ordinance, but don't leave it up to store management discretion or individual discretion. We all know it only takes one to be a super spreader.

Thank you,
Julie Haskovitz

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Mass audience in Minnetonka

From: Julie H [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 9:41 AM
To: Brian Kirk
Subject: Mass audience in Minnetonka

Please pass mask ordinance. Me and my family have been working so hard to distance and wear masks. We now know from the beginning of the epidemic had people been wearing masks, far less people would've died. Wearing masks in public make it possible to go out and work and keep people healthy. It is a common sense approach and I will be deeply disappointed by anyone voting against it. As a compromise, perhaps put a three-month sunset date on the ordinance, but don't leave it up to store management discretion or individual discretion. We all know it only takes one to be a super spreader.

Thank you,
Julie Haskovitz

From: [Julie Madson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Input: Support for Mask Mandate and Ranked Choice Voting
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:46:55 PM

Hello,

This may have come a bit late and I am just outside of Minnetonka city lines, but I wanted to express my input.

My family is located at 6506 Gray Fox Curv, Chanhassen, MN so we are within the Minnetonka School district.

I wanted to express my support for the Mask Mandate. I am disheartened that so many people do not wear masks. We will never get ahead of this pandemic and be able to send kids back safely to school if we don't take proactive initiatives.

I am 8 months pregnant with my 3rd child, and my husband has a lot of health concerns that have made COVID very worrisome for us. As a result we have basically quarantined for the last 5-6 months and are disappointed to see this doesn't seem to be turning around any time soon.

We need to get ahead of this virus and be proactive to it instead of reactive. My daughter was loving the preschool teachers at Deephaven Elementary preschool and it was so sad to see school end abruptly, but I know it was necessary. We will never reach a level of normalcy, if we are only working part-time against the virus. Wearing masks is a small thing we can all do to get ahead of the virus.

Many will complain about freedoms or that it constricts their breathing, but so many things are mandated for public safety. One person's freedom ends when it could harm another person. No single mask works for everyone. I think people should try different masks if one gives them trouble.

On the second issue, I support ranked choice voting. Though I currently vote on issues in Chanhassen, I just wanted to say that rank choice voting gives the power to the voters. That way people don't feel as if they are throwing their vote away if there are multiple candidates on the ballot. If cities take the lead on this and it starts at a local level, I have more confidence this will work up to the state and federal level, which is needed. I am very excited to see Minnetonka considering this.

Thank you for your time,

Julie Madson

From: [Justin Baratz](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Requirement in MTKA
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:33:57 PM

To whom it may concern:

I was advised to reach out to you regarding face mask requirements within the Minnetonka city limits. We feel it's imperative that masks be required in order to do the best we can to keep our family and community safe from the spread of Covid and have and will continue to shop in nearby cities with the face mask requirement. We urge you to please pass this ordinance for Minnetonka as well. We live at 13975 Oakland Pl, Minnetonka.

Thank you,

Justin Baratz



From: [Kathy Thomas](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Wearing of Masks in Minnetonka
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:19:25 PM

I would support wearing of masks in all buildings and when social distancing is not able to be maintained. We don't know who is at greatest risk of contracting the virus and until we have a vaccine it's our best weapon to move us toward opening of schools and businesses.

Masks-don't leave home without 'me,

Kathleen Thomas



From: [Katie Eichhorn](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comments/Feedback on mask options
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:02:49 AM

Hello,

Wanted to provide input for your upcoming meeting. Data to date is very questionable in terms of supporting/enforcing the usage of masks. Plus, the survival rate of COVID is 99+%. Enforcing masks to be worn goes against our constitutional rights. Masks cannot contain the virus or add much protection. It's turned into more of a political or social stmt/movement vs having to do with health. Peoples can stay home if they are concerned.

We live in Chan, but have 5 kids, 4 who currently are in Minnetonka schools

Thanks,
Kevin and Katie Eichhorn
6935 Lucy Ridge Lane
Chanhassen, MN. 55317

From: [Kelly Knewton](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask agenda item
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:22:24 PM

I am sending my comments via email, as a member of the Minnetonka community. I am in support of the city proceeding with a mandate for face masks worn in indoor public spaces. It is too much of a burden for individual businesses to bear ownership of that, and creates inconsistencies and confusion for residents. I would encourage consistent signage and resources provided by the city to ease burden on businesses.

Thank you,
Kelly Knewton
5016 Crown St
Minnetonka MN 55345

From: [Kim Gohman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Please mandate mask usage indoors
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:32:11 PM

Good evening,

I wanted to express my support for a mask ordinance (requiring masks when indoors in public places) in Minnetonka. There is ample evidence that this simple act helps deter the spread of coronavirus, keeping our community healthier, keeping the economy working, and making opening schools a more realistic possibility.

A city-wise ordinance will make it easier for businesses to do the right thing, and help protect our essential workers.

Thank you for your consideration!

Kim Gohman
5348 Oak Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

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Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Complete Mask Ordinance Support

From: Kim Gunyou [REDACTED]
Date: July 12, 2020 at 4:21:43 PM CDT
To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Complete Mask Ordinance Support

Hello City Council Members,
I'm writing to support a mask ordinance for Minnetonka— the option calling for masks in indoor public places and outdoors when social distancing is not possible.

As someone who has taken immunosuppressive medications for decades for Crohn's disease, I would appreciate the increased safety of being to shop or otherwise get a break from the relative degree of self-isolation necessary since March.

The public health of Minnesota during this pandemic supports such an ordinance, but for his own reasons, the Governor of Minnesota hasn't mandated masks. However, in a suburb in Hennepin County, the hardest hit MN county, it makes sense to protect one another in this easy manner. Putting the decision in the hands of your well- respected, nonpartisan council would be effective and very appreciated.

Best regards,

Kim Gunyou
3624 Sussex Pl
Minnetonka, MN
[REDACTED]


From: [Kim Gunyou](#)
To: [Susan Carter](#); [Brad Wiersum](#); [Deb Calvert](#); [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Complete Mask Ordinance support
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:19:05 PM

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Best regards,
Kim Gunyou
3624 Sussex Pl
Minnetonka, MN


From: [Larry Wade](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:24:03 PM

I support a city-wide ordinance for wearing face masks in public places.

Lawrence Wade
15524 Day Place
Minnetonka, MN 55345



From: [Laura Geislinger](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: In support of mask law
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:48:32 PM

Laws provide guidance and hold us accountable. It is evident that our populace needs some guidance and accountability on these important public health issues.

Thank you,
Laura Geislinger
5316 Oak Dr., Minnetonka

From: [Laura Ronbeck](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:55:01 PM

I strongly support option 3. It is important to be sending a consistent message city-wide.

Laura Ronbeck
13801 Kinsel Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Lea Brand](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:11:34 PM

Hello,

I would like to let you know that I fully support face mask requirements for the city of Minnetonka.

Lea Brand.

From: [LeAnn Sather](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:08:44 PM

I shop at many stores in your city on a regular basis.

If your city implements a city wide mask mandate I will choose to take my business elsewhere.

We should all have the right make our own choices related to our health. If you are going to mandate masks then you should close all fast food restaurants making our population unhealthy and obese. You should also stop selling alcohol and tobacco in your city due to all the harm it causes to Americans health by misuse.

Thanks for your consideration of my input.

I hope that our country to get back on track to being the America it has been that allows freedom.

LeAnn Sather
Greenfield, MN 55357

From: [Linda & Michael Halley](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:08:57 AM

Dear Minnetonka City Council Members,

Please consider choosing:

Option 3: Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

It is obvious that many people are still unaware of or are unconcerned about how much face masks help in preventing the spread of Covid 19.

It is common sense and just plain respectful to wear masks, but it seems not all Minnetonka residents are capable of common sense and/or respect.

Even though it will be impossible to ticket all those who don't comply it will send a clear message and help retailers etc. keep their spaces safe for those of us who do care.

Thank you for considering this!

Respectfully,

Linda and Mike Halley
18610 Clear View Drive
Minnetonka MN 55345

From: [Linda Ketover](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Minnetonka mask ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:04:36 PM

Greetings:

I am writing to express my strong support for a mask ordinance for the City of Minnetonka. My name is Linda Ketover and I am a physician who has spent a great deal of time studying the current research related to this virus's transmission.

It is irresponsible to not wear masks when in public given what we know about the transmission of this virus.

I appreciate the City Council considering this matter.

I live at 11995 Tapestry Ln, Minnetonka, 55305

Thank you,
Linda Ketover, MD

From: [Lisa Garty](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Wear a mask mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:09:52 PM

Option 1 is our choice. No one should be forced to wear a mask, ever. It reminds me of when Iran forced women to wear a hijab in public. Women were put in jail for not following the mandate. It's still in place. You're on a slippery slope with this. Be careful.

Instead, invest in public awareness. Most people who don't wear a mask have no issue keeping their distance from those who do.

Knowing that soda drinks are seriously bad for our health, why is it readily available for those who choose to drink it?

If STD's are prevalent in teens, why is early sex education allowed in our schools? Sex education doesn't prevent STD's.

If Oxycodone and other pain killing meds are killing people of all ages at epidemic rates, why aren't we focusing on that as a country?

The numbers of deaths by pain killing meds far exceed the number of deaths by Covid19.

I could continue to list laws and requirements that don't stop illnesses, you know that. Wearing a mask isn't going to stop people from getting the virus. You know that.

The people who are susceptible to the virus, the elderly, are the ones who should take care of their health. Others should be thoughtful when near them.

Wearing a mask isn't going to stop the Covid19 illnesses. You're fooling yourselves. You're following a political scare. You know that.

Be very careful with your decision. Very careful.

Thank you,
Nathaniel and Lisa Garty

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: I support a Mask-In-Public mandate from Minnetonka City Council

From: Liz Bodell [REDACTED]

Date: July 13, 2020 at 2:17:14 PM CDT

To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>, Susan Carter <scarter@minnetonkamn.gov>, Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>, Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>, Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>, Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: I support a Mask-In-Public mandate from Minnetonka City Council

Members of the Minnetonka City Council,

Thank you for considering a citywide ordinance requiring face coverings in public. I write to you to encourage you to adopt this ordinance for the safety and continued health of every citizen in and around Minnetonka.

In this time of unprecedented effects from the COVID-19 pandemic, the science is clear: covering one's mouth and nose in public spaces and maintaining social distancing can dramatically decrease the spread of this deadly virus. Until more is known about antibody-driven immunity or a vaccine is broadly available, those tactics represent our best chance to slow the spread of this disease. Even if it later turns out that masks do not help as much as we currently believe that they do, they certainly do no harm.

Please take the stance that Minnetonka and its residents care about each other and are willing to take this small step in order to protect each other from the harms of this disease.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued work on behalf of our community.

Liz Bodell, Ward 4 Resident
[REDACTED]

From: [Loralee Pauls](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandates - opposed
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:10:26 AM

Hello. Thank you very much for considering the input of your residents before making this very impactful decision. My husband and I are residents of Minnetonka and we oppose mask mandates.

INEFFECTIVE

According to the WHO website (1) and Michael Osterholm in the video below, masks are a false sense of security and there is little if any evidence that they are effective.

Michael Osterholm, PHD, MPH (U of M epidemiologist and reknowned infectious disease expert) - https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3CglBhn0znM&fbclid=IwAR1hneC6FgyWcd_OVThvMAIM5FJqEW82K14ccaDSOGMRqWJVtKZjzHU5mc&feature=youtu.be

While out in the community I have heard many people say, “we don’t need to worry about 6 ft, we have masks on”. What will happen to social distancing measures if people are uneducated about the ineffectiveness of masks?

Why would we waste resources in policing something that has unsubstantial and possibly negative impacts on the pandemic?

RISK OF USE

1. Health impacts - The World Health organization states that currently there are no studies that have evaluated the potential adverse effects of universal or targeted continuous medical mask use among health care workers (1). If they have not done these studies to ensure medical masks are safe for healthcare workers, have they done them for cloth masks, particularly employees who wear them all day? I have personally heard many anecdotal reports of people who claim physical reactions to the constraints of masks, beyond just reducing the ability to breath which the WHO does acknowledge (2). How can we say that adverse events are implausible if there are no studies looking at this issue? And if we cannot, then how can we mandate them?

2. Improper usage - The WHO states on their website an increased risk to contracting COVID19 if masks are used incorrectly.

“Non-medical or fabric masks could increase potential for COVID-19 to infect a person if the mask is contaminated by dirty hands and touched often, or kept on other parts of the face or head and then placed back over the mouth and nose” (2).

I have never seen an adult utilize a mask correctly, let alone a child. Masks are worn on the chin or hanging from one ear, carried loose with dirty hands and tossed into dirty purses. And who washes their hands before and after putting it on or removing it? Will this mandate apply to schools and young children in our city? What danger will that pose if they wear them in school all day long touching, playing with and ripping off their masks. It will also distract them from learning.

Are we going to invest in community education for property mask usage adding even further burden to the cost of this crisis?

NECESSITY

Before we use rising case counts as justification to impose further draconian measures on citizens, we should understand what the case counts mean and how they are derived. There is a growing concern that counting positive test results instead of counting individuals who test positive is magnifying the problem unrealistically. One person can undergo multiple positive tests until cleared of the virus.

As well, there are very low standards in place to qualify as a probable case and these are added to the total case count (3). This could also be magnifying what the current infection rate and risk of exposure actually is. At a commissioners court meeting in Texas the likelihood of this is discussed (4).

Thank you very much for your time in directing the most safe, effective and prudent measures our community should take as we work together to combat this crisis.

Regards,

Loralee Pauls
[4410 Juleena Place](#)
[Minnetonka, MN](#)

Sources:

(1) WHO Advice on the use masks - <https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1279750/retrieve>

(2) The World Health Orgsnization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/q-a-on-covid-19-and-masks>

(3) CDC Understanding the Data <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/faq-surveillance.html>

(4) Collin County County Commissioners Court Meeting (start at 15:25) <https://collincountytx.new.swagit.com/videos/62477>

From: [Lori Bryant](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:08:54 AM

Lori Bryant
5429 Vining Point Rd, Minnetonka, MN 55345

Please pass an ordinance requiring mask use indoors at public places and wherever 6-foot distancing is difficult.
Thanks!

From: [Lori Stein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Facemasks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:07:17 PM

As pertaining to the ordinance you are going to vote on tonight about mandatory face mask use in Minnetonka, put me down as an absolute yes! I think this is a wise decision, and should be mandated everywhere.

Thank You,
Lori Stein



From: [Lorie Skibness](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Council considering face mask options - prefer option 3
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:03:29 AM

As a Minnetonka resident and physician I would prefer the third option for city wide face mask use (nose and mouth covering) indoors in public spaces or within six feet of others in outdoor public areas.

Lorie Skibness MD
3314 Frear Drive
Minnetonka MN 55305

Council to consider face mask options

- **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: 7/13/2020 City Council Agenda thoughts

From: Luke Van Santen [REDACTED]

Date: July 13, 2020 at 1:18:39 PM CDT

To: Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>, Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>, Susan Carter <scarter@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: 7/13/2020 City Council Agenda thoughts

Good afternoon Mayor Wiersum and Councilmembers Schaeppi, Calvert, and Carter!

I just wanted to briefly share my thoughts on a couple items from the agenda for tonight's meeting.

First - very exciting to see the Dairy Queen going in at 7 Hi! I hope the City can (minimally) review pedestrian plans between MME and 7Hi and between MHS and 7Hi to make sure any students from those two schools who walk to the new DQ (like they did to the previously existing DQ where Orange Theory is now) can do so as safely as possible. MME students will have cross Hwy 101 to get to the new location and while there is a controlled crossing at Ridgewood Road, it might be helpful to have an improved crossing at the Target entrance. Additionally, to make it easier / more comfortable to bike to the new location, it would be most helpful if the City can conduct maintenance on the bike path along the west side of County Highway 101 between Excelsior Boulevard on the south and Ridgewood Road on the north. The condition of the trail is substandard for a significant portion of that section. Last, the comment made during a Planning Committee meeting about adding a bike rack to the new DQ location would be great! Ideally, a new bike parking system could be added in place of one or two parking spots, allowing parking for up to 20 bicycles and making the DQ a more desirable and attainable destination for families in the area.

Second - I strongly support any mask mandates that may come to pass. Obviously, if a mandate for mask use does not come to pass I am still free to wear one (so a new mandate would not impact me), but the best practices available to us as a City (and State and Nation) clearly show mandatory mask orders to be beneficial in slowing and minimizing the spread of this novel virus.

Thank you!

Luke Van Santen
2148 Sheridan Hills Rd
[REDACTED]

From: [Marcia Marcus](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:41:37 PM

Please make masks mandatory for everyone outside of their own homes. I am tired of ducking around those unmasked at grocery stores. Very disappointed in Lund's Corp for mandating masks for employees very late and not requiring customers to wear one.

3531 Oakton Dr
Minnetonka MN 55305

Marcia Marcus



From: [Marlee Kaminsky](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandate masks in Minnetonka
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 8:59:17 PM

I am writing to let you know how important I feel it is to mandate mask wearing indoors. I am a resident of Minnetonka and I wear a mask whenever I enter a public indoor space.

I also work at Nordstrom Ridgedale and they do not insist their customers to wear masks. It is surprising and upsetting how many choose not to wear masks. Because of my age, I am not able to work because I won't put myself at risk.

It is in the public good to mandate masks indoors.

Marlee Kaminsky

From: [Melanie Greenstein](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FACE MASKS
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:54:54 PM

I believe that the City of Minnetonka should pass an ordinance that requires masks to be worn in all indoor public areas in Minnetonka.

We live at 3531 Oakton Drive, 55305.

Thank you,

Melanie Greenstein

From: [Michelle Wahlen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Non-political education regarding mask usage
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:41:01 AM

Dear city council, I encourage you to read/watch these informative links regarding mask usage. I am confident you will have many Minnetonka residents who believe the unscientific information on Facebook and MSM and are telling you people will DIE if you don't mandate the usage of masks. Please listen to both sides and follow the science.

Thank you in advance for being willing to listen to both sides of a debate and I encourage you to stand up to the "Karen" mob and explain the science does not show usage of masks is effective for blocking the COVID virus.

Sincerely,
Michelle Wahlen
4816 Chantrey Pl, Minnetonka, MN

<https://www.city-journal.org/reality-of-wearing-masks>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QxlvqiaYCM&t=329s>

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From: [Michelle Wahlen](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Reasons why the City should not mandate the wearing of masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:31:09 PM

Let me start by saying that I believe the Mayor and the City Council have the best interest of the residents at heart. I can appreciate the difficult place this virus has put you in. That said, I think most rational people also know the relative deadliness of the virus and the various actions taken have become highly politicized and the effectiveness of masks per the SCIENCE has not been properly reported in the media. All of my references below are true and accurate and I encourage you to look them up for yourselves. It is hard to believe we have been lied to or persuaded to think a particular way by influencers in the media, but the TRUTH is in the studies and the science journals, not on MSNBC, Facebook, or Fox. It is true masks make people feel better and more in control, but they DO NOT stop the transmission of COVID.

Therefore, if people want to wear a mask because it makes them “feel” better, then go ahead. But there is ZERO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE supporting a mandate that all people wear them.

Reasons the city should not mandate wearing masks:

1. There are many residents of Minnetonka that cannot wear masks for medical reasons. Some reasons have to do with oxygen restriction, some have to do with severe panic attacks. I am one of those people and I am already getting glared at and shamed by people telling me to wear a mask when they have no idea what my medical situation is. **If you require masks, this will further embolden residents to turn on each other and treat each other with disrespect.**
2. **You have no logical way to enforce such a regulation.** You will be forcing minimum wage employees or business owners to try and enforce it and due to HIPPA laws, they could be inadvertently asking for information or breaking HIPPA law without even knowing it. Lawsuits could be filed. I know that I will consider it and have already contacted an attorney.
3. **There is no scientific study that has proven the wearing of masks is effective in preventing passing of the virus.** If you reference the CDC guidance, this is why they say wearing a mask MAY prevent the transmission of Covid. There are, however, many studies that prove masks do not prevent the transmission of viruses in the general public.
4. The prevailing guidance from top doctors, epidemiologists, and scientific journals has been consistent that masks are not effective.
 - a. According to Dr. Denis Rancourt, PhD, on June 11, 2020, “No randomized controlled trial study with verified outcome shows a benefit for health care workers or community members to wearing a mask or respirator. There is no such study. There are no exceptions. Likewise, no study exists that shows a benefit from a broad policy to wear masks in public.”
 - b. From the New England Journal of Medicine (May 21, 2020) on masks for COVID: “We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. It is also clear that masks serve symbolic roles. Masks are not only tools, they are also talismans that may help increase a perceived sense of safety, well-being, and trust.”
 - c. Per OSHA, “An N-95 mask filters out particulate matter larger than .3 microns.” A COVID particle is about .1 micron. Per Dr. Scott Jenson, “The idea of people doing

anything particularly useful with a cotton mask if just Looney Tunes.”

- d. From the US Department of Labor, on surgical masks for COVID: “Will not protect the wearer against airborne transmissible infectious agents due to loose fit and lack of seal or inadequate filtration.”
- e. From “Inside Surgery”, a premier surgeon’s journal, in 2009 during the swing flu outbreak, in an article titled “Standard Surgical Masks Do Not Protect Wearer From Getting Swine Flu.” “For the prevention of transmission of swine flu this type of mask is essentially worthless. Surgical masks will not block aerosolized particles as small as a droplet containing influenza virions from entering the airway. They essentially stop only spittle from a surgeon’s mouth and mucous from a surgeon’s nose from inadvertently dropping into a wound.
- f. From the Oral Health Journal, (October 18, 2016): “The “droplet” argument for wearing masks is basically just uninformed. It’s a nice idea until you look at the research and how porous masks are. Surgical masks will NOT block aerosolized particles as small as a droplet containing influenza virions. Traditionally, face masks have been recommended to protect...from the droplet route of infection, but neither the filter performance nor the facial fit qualify them as being devices which protect against respiratory infections.” “Between 2004 and 2016 at least a dozen research or review articles have been published on the inadequacies of face masks.” (They are attached and referenced in the article)
- g. Also from the Oral Health Journal article: “Masks are incapable of filtering out 80-85% of particles varying in size from .3 to 2.0 microns.” (Remember, COVID-19 is .1 microns)
“ The filter material of face masks does NOT retain or filter to viruses or other submicron particles.”
- h. The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health & Safety in 2016: “The filter material of surgical masks does not retain or filter out submicron particles. (Covid is .1 micron, this is a submicron).

I could go on, but I hope you get the point. All of those cute Facebook and Instagram photos/memes saying a mask reduces the spread of COVID by 70% are just fake information being pushed on a population. I have given you the actual scientific data!!

Please use your position of authority to do the right thing and not bow to the whim of false information. It is not easy to do the right thing, but I pray you have a spine.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wahlen

4816 Chantrey Pl, Minnetonka, MN



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From: [Mike Magnuson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask requirements in Minnetonka
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:23:31 AM

Being a lifelong resident of Minnetonka I have always considered the city to be intelligent in decisions for the community. The people in Minnetonka live here for a reason one being the leaders of our community make decisions on factual data and for the betterment of our community. Mandating masks to make a small percentage of people feel comfortable in the community at the expense of the majority of the population doesn't sound like the right thing to do. Wearing a mask in public has the potential to see increased crime for local business and in fact is a violation of state law. The mandate would be based for the protection of citizens due to the pandemic but data from the CDC compiled over the last 5 years for the state of Minnesota clearly shows death rates have remained in line with prior years and in fact are less in some cases. Please don't pass this mandate as the silent majority of citizens being forced to succumb to the feelings of others simply makes no sense.

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/steven-r-stuve_5-year-us-weekly-death-rate-data-by-age-and-activity-6685872261762834432-DFPo?fbclid=IwAR2bW1FlsQnsWB0bAWohf8g3vMJqJJXupamtmYL7OTZunDHY5HWbiOLPLL

Thank you,
Mike Magnuson
209 Sunnyvale Lane
Minnetonka

From: [Michael Niemann](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:26:58 AM
Importance: High

I would support Face Mask options 1 and 2 but NOT option 3.

Regards,
Mike Niemann

From: [Mirit Avny](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask ordinance city of Minnetonka
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:33:34 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email, ahead of the city council meeting tomorrow. I would like to voice my support of a citywide mask ordinance in the city of Minnetonka.

A mask ordinance will encourage people to wear facemasks at indoor businesses and in public places. Currently, I feel very unsafe going into local businesses when often times over half of the people are not wearing facemasks, which leaves me exposed to COVID-19. It is also unfair to the masked employees risking their lives every day to provide service to customers, when customers do not wear facemasks themselves. Because other customers are not wearing masks, I have made the decision to stop shopping at local businesses and instead I am ordering online from larger corporations. Decisions like these made by people like me, will hurt our local economy. Please help support our local businesses and protect our community by passing a face mask ordinance.

I believe there should be a state wide mask ordinance. As the state sees more local communities passing facemask ordinances perhaps we will get to a state wide ordinance. This is a critical step in stopping the spread of COVID-19, and it is in your hands at this moment in time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and continued support of our community.

Sincerely,

Mirit Avny
10209 Windsor Lake Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55305


From: [Monica Listokin](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#); [Kissy Coakley](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance for Minnetonka
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:38:41 PM

Hi, Good evening. I understand you are going to be discussing a possible mask ordinance for Minnetonka 7/13/20. Please pass a mask ordinance. I saw you are reviewing 3 options, and here is the one I strongly support:

- Option 3: Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others.

This pandemic has been handled so poorly, I guess it is up to state and local governments to keep us safe, because the federal government clearly has no interest in protecting us. It is unfair and unsafe to leave businesses to enforce a mask ordinance. That could be my 16 year old daughter “encouraging” an irate customer to wear a mask.

Thank you for your consideration,

Monica Listokin
David Cox
and our 2 children, Kira & Laurel Cox
15697 Woodgate Rd S, Minnetonka


From: [Geraldyn Barone](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FW: Please Do Not Pass A Mask Ordinance
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:19:06 AM

From: freemonkeymonica [REDACTED]
Date: July 10, 2020 at 11:54:09 PM CDT
To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Please Do Not Pass A Mask Ordinance

Dear Ms. Calvert,

I am respectfully asking that you do NOT pass a mask requirement for the City of Minnetonka. We don't need it!

Thank you,

Monica Schreiner
5809 Bellham Ave.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Nancy Frame](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:48:08 PM

I am in favor of wearing masks in public.
Nancy Frame
5725 Dumas Ave
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Nancy Schachtman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 10:28:39 AM

Please consider a face mask ordinance for the City of Minnetonka. I think it is so important in order to help curb the Pandemic. Thank you,
Nancy Schachtman
2121 Austrian Pine Lane
Minnetonka, Mn55305

From: [Natalie Gianforte](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Mandates
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:21:04 AM

Hello. My husband and I are residents of Minnetonka as well as doctors and local business owners and we OPPOSE mask mandates.

Thank you very much for considering the input of your residents and our personal thoughts below before making this very impactful decision.

We have several concerns regarding the mandate of masks in our community for several reasons. But we ultimately believe that each individual reserves the right to make their own choice rather than be mandated against their will to "protect their health" especially when there are specific health risks involved in that mandate.

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Thank you very much for your time in directing the most safe, effective and prudent measures our community should take as we work together to combat this crisis.

Regards,

Dr. Natalie Gianforte
18700 South Lane
Minnetonka, MN

Sources:

(1) WHO Advice on the use masks - <https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1279750/retrieve>

- (2) The World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/q-a-on-covid-19-and-masks>
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From: [Natalie Olson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comment for City Council Meeting
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:20:23 PM

Hello,

My name is Natalie Olson. I work in the city of Minnetonka at Trader Joe's. In light of tonight's city council meeting, I implore the council members to decide to require face masks in the city of Minnetonka. My coworkers and I have worked tirelessly since the beginning of this pandemic to make sure Minnetonka residents have uninterrupted access to food, even through supply chain issues, staffing issues, our own personal problems related to the pandemic, and oftentimes, abuse from the customers we are trying so hard to serve. We're still happy to be able to provide such an essential service to the public during this time. However, it is cruel and negligent that the local government which serves us has yet to take basic actions to protect us. Requiring that all business patrons wear face coverings in stores would be both a practical move to help keep essential employees safe and a meaningful gesture that the city stands with us as we continue to work throughout this pandemic. Please vote to require face masks at tonight's meeting. Essential employees deserve to work without putting our lives even more at risk than they already are.

Sincerely,
Natalie Olson

From: [Nicole Watson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Coverings
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:31:54 PM

Please require residents to wear face coverings at all times when in public areas that social distancing is not possible. No more lives should be lost when minimizing the spread can be so easy and inexpensive. Please offer assistance to those who can not afford face coverings.

Thank you!

Nicole Watson



16616 Temple Dr N
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Pam Wexler](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:04:49 PM

I support the mandatory use of masks in Minnetonka. Thank you!

From: [Pat Clabo](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask wearing
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:01:28 PM

Pat Clabo
16528 Temple Drive South
Minnetonka, MN55345

I fully support mandated mask wearing. My husband and I have been on the island of Kauai because of very few covid cases. Why so few (42 total) and we were covid free for 1 weeks-16 new cases but all family cluster related). So few cases because early on we were mandated to wear a mask in public.

From: [Patricia Berg](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: July 13 meeting re masks - no mandatory mask policy
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:08:03 PM

I am writing to request that Minnetonka does not create a mandatory mask policy. I believe that adults are intelligent enough to make their own decision about whether and when to wear a mask in public for their health. Also, if the adult is a parent, they are responsible for their children and should be able to make that decision, as well as other health decisions, for their own family. Scientific studies have been very mixed as to any real conclusion on this subject, which is why I believe mask wearing should not be mandated by any government.

One other point is that there is actually a law about concealing identity in public by wearing a face covering / mask unless you have a medical condition, etc. (If you test positive for Covid then a person should be responsible and wear a mask in public, though you should isolate yourself and not be out in public.)

Thank you,
Patricia Berg
Minnetonka resident for 30+ years.

From: [Patty Chodosh](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:54:04 PM

For the safety of all I am in favor wearing face mask .
Patty Chodosh
2520 Crescent Ridge Rd.
Minnetonka,MN

From: [Pete Rogan](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face mask ordinance - SUPPORT
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:30:53 AM

Hello!

I am writing today to urge the city council and mayor to act decisively to require face mask use throughout our community. Of the 3 options under consideration, I support option 3.

- **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

My wife and I have been residents of Minnetonka for about 15 years.

This is an urgent matter of public health, supported by research and observation of communities around the world which have gotten coronavirus under control. It has nothing to do with constitutional rights, any more than a seatbelt ordinance does.

Finally, while it would be better to see state level action on this front, that is no excuse to not act faster at the local level to ensure the health of our community. I urge you all to show leadership on this issue and act unanimously to adopt option 3.

-Pete Rogan
4780 Hamilton Rd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Peter Gianforte](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:53:09 AM

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18700 South Lane
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From: [Philip Marcus](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 3:02:13 PM

Please require everyone to wear a mask when going indoors or if unable to social distance.

Philip Marcus, M.D.

From: [Richard Gottlieb](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re: MASK MANDATE
Date: Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:44:00 PM

I urge you to pass and enforce a mandate requiring all Minnetonka businesses to require customers wear masks.

It is deeply disturbing, and unfair, that customer's without masks can put innocent people in literally a life and death situation.

Coronavirus is a recognized pandemic. Absent a complete shutdown of the economy, the only way to beat the virus is to wear a mask! Look how Europe felt with the situation.

As our elected officials you are responsible for the safety of Minnetonka residents and visitors.

Thank you

R. Ellis Gottlieb
2288 Sherwood Court
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Geraldyn Barone](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FW: NO Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:46:12 PM

From: City of Minnetonka, MN <minnetonkamn@enotify.visioninternet.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Geraldyn Barone <gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: NO Mask Mandate

Message submitted from the <City of Minnetonka, MN> website.

Site Visitor Name: Rob Bell

Site Visitor Email: [REDACTED]

Hello,

I spend a lot of time in Minnetonka shopping and eating at restaurants in the area. I may not be a resident but I spend quite a bit of money there. Please understand that if Minnetonka enacts a mandatory mask requirement I WILL COMPLETELY AVOID YOUR CITY.

This topic of masks being useful is a joke. First of all, for the first 9+ weeks of Covid we were told not to wear them and very, very few people did. During that time the number of hospitalizations and deaths continued a downward trend. Also, I've watched folks who do wear masks and I have observed that nobody does it right. Many people leave them below their nose. Almost everyone touches and adjusts them constantly. These are cloth masks that get wet with condensation from breathing. That is a breeding ground for every germ in a person. Wearing a mask and touching them all the time without washing hands afterwards actually transmits more germs via touch.

Forcing people to wear masks also causes the Karens of the world to abuse and insult people who do not wear masks (often for medical reasons). This issue continues to foment division in our society, which is totally NOT what we need right now in America.

People who are at high risk with co-morbidities should take precautions to keep themselves safe. Everyone else should proceed ahead mostly normally with a higher sense of cleanliness and physical distance. But NO mandatory masks!

Rob Bell

From: [Geraldyn Barone](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: FW: Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:44:05 AM

From: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Geraldyn Barone <gbarone@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Mask Mandate

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ruth Oremland [REDACTED]
Date: July 13, 2020 at 8:14:23 AM CDT
To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: **Mask Mandate**

To the attention of the Minnetonka City Counsel,

I am writing to inform the counsel that my family in addition to the majority of families in my neighborhood are 100% against a government enforced mask mandate.

Although I no longer have children in public schools, I've heard from only a very small minority of friends and neighbors that they would be pleased with their kids wearing masks full time all day long in school. Most parents are not for children wearing mask for hours on end. Most parents have been letting their children play with friends without social distancing all summer long. If you actually pay attention to how parents are managing their kids, you would truly understand what your constituents' opinions actually are concerning who should be wearing masks.

Why would the state or our city now try to enforce masks when deaths outside of Long Term Care facilities are so low, they are statistically insignificant. Covid ICU beds are at the capacity they were back in the begging of May. We have done more than flatten the curve, we have squashed the curve.

People are waking up to realize this is government overreach. Please do not listen to the vocal minority, because the silent majority is growing larger by the day.

Ruth Oremland
[4988 West End Lane](#)
[Minnetonka, MN 55345](#)

From: [Sally Zimmerman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandating Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:07:24 AM

As a person of high risk for Covid-19 as is my husband we would like to see masks mandated for all indoor movement for the city of Minnetonka.

It would be nice if stores required it but I understand why they don't want to police mask usage.

Sally Zimmerman
5215 Holiday Rd
Mtna

From: [Sandra Chermak](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mandatory masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:07:31 AM

I totally support mandating wearing masks indoors and with the 6 foot social distancing outside.

I am in my seventies and I have the least life threatening issues of my family members that I shop for and do things for.

It is totally irresponsible and uncaring for others and their families to not do something so simple as to wear a mask. I don't want to be the one that spreads this terrible disease that can be so devastating to my own family let alone another's family.

I totally support mandating wearing masks.

I love my family and want them and myself to be around to see the day we can all be together Again.

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Mask Ordinance

From: Sandy Jambeck [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 12:39 PM

To: Bradley Schaeppi

Subject: Mask Ordinance

Hi Brad,

I am writing about a proposed mask ordinance. I understand this will be on the agenda at tomorrow night's meeting. I am fully in support of such an ordinance for Minnetonka. While I have noticed that many employees and patrons in Minnetonka stores do wear masks there are also many who do not. I have made a personal decision to not patronize those stores and establishments where people are not wearing masks as it does not feel safe to me. I wear a mask to protect others and they can do the same for me. It seems like such a small thing and it makes a big difference in the spread of covid. By having people wear masks it will also allow our community to open up and resume normality. It is encouraging that cities such as Edina have adopted such an ordinance. I feel comfortable patronizing establishments in those communities.

We Minnetonka residents are very community oriented. We care about one another. It's why we live here. I hope that you will support this ordinance. Please feel free to share my name and email if needed.

Thanks, Brad, for all you do,
Sandy Jambeck

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: I urge you to support mandatory face mask use

From: Linda and Steve Eliason [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: I urge you to support mandatory face mask use

I urge the council to adopt a rule requiring face mask use at all indoor facilities where distancing is questionable.

I have 2 reasons.


First, there is significant evidence that if all parties wear face masks, infection rates slow significantly. The CDC supported its new position by citing several studies about the asymptomatic spread of the disease, the first of which was [published](#) on March 5 in the New England Journal of Medicine.

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This will be especially important as we head to the polls. We need to assure the public and poll workers are safe if they choose to vote in person.

Steve Eliason
4313 Lancelot Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

 Virus-free. www.avast.com

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Please support mandatory Face Mask use in Minnetonka

From: Linda and Steve Eliason [REDACTED]

Date: July 11, 2020 at 3:00:09 PM CDT

To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>

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4313 Lancelot Drive

Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Steve Schachtman](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: "[Nancy Schachtman](#)" [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Face Masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 6:36:50 PM
Attachments: [image001.wmz](#)
[image003.png](#)

Greetings, I live at 2121 Austrian Pine Lane, Minnetonka Minn. I am concerned about the issue of Social Distancing and Facemasks. As a vulnerable person, I request that the City enact a mandatory regulation for Face Mask usage. I feel this is important given the current situation and the fact that many are not practicing safety and concern. When visiting Byerly's or Target there are many who wear no masks and are possibly causing those that do so, harm and sickness. In addition, one just needs to go into a service station or stand in line at the Dairy Queen to observe the lack of compliance. I also own and manage Rental property in this great City. (Cedar Point Townhomes and 1700 Plymouth Road). Again I am very concerned about the well being of those residents as well. I urge the City to enact and enforce this recommendation. Thank you very much. Best

Steven C. Schachtman

Shareholder

Phone: [REDACTED] | Cell: [REDACTED]

www.steven-scott.com

[REDACTED]

From: [Steve Watson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Coverings
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:46:11 PM

Face Coverings should be required.

Best regards,

Steve Watson
16616 Temple Dr. N.
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Susan Horovitz](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 11:00:58 AM

Please pass the ordinance for face masks. It's so important to save lives!! Thank you!

Susan Horovitz
2641 Cedar Green
Minnetonka, MN 55305

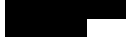
From: [Terri Brey](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks Opinion Poll
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:11:58 PM

Hello, I cannot attend tonight's meeting, but I am 100% for option #3.

- **Option 1:** Continue encouragement with no formal action
- **Option 2:** Encourage businesses to require the use of face masks in their establishments
- **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others

Please let me know if there is any other action I can take.

Terri Brey
Winterset Neighborhood Resident



From: [Teri Woodhull](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Support for mandatory masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:52:03 PM

I'm writing to express my support for requiring masks for all indoor locations in Minnetonka.

Teri Woodhull
4390 Briarwood Ln, Minnetonka, MN 55343

From: [Terry Haggar](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [Brad Wiersum](#)
Subject: regarding masks
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 1:17:18 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of Minnetonka. I have lived here for 25 years. I believe we have responsible and caring neighbors that have addressed the 'mask issue' thoughtfully and carefully.

It is a difficult discussion as people have different views. The beauty of this country, and our community is freedom of thought and freedom to choose.

Please do NOT change what you have in place now. It is okay to have some people not wear masks. Most people are wearing masks and all people are very careful when they are in the community.

I shop locally. This means grocery, hardware, mail, gas, pet store, etc... People are careful. They are not irresponsible. I urge you to maintain the current mask policy that is now in place, Option 1.

There is so much in peoples lives with this added stress of jobs, losing jobs, schools, managing work and kids, etc.. Moral is already depleted. Please do not feed into a culture of toxic neighborhood policing. I do not see anyone being irresponsible about this, whether they wear a mask or not. We do not need to reinforce bully pulpits that stalk and film people who are not wearing masks. (a select few). Tolerance is an important quality that I do hope the City of Minnetonka reinforces with

- Option 1: Continue encouragement with no formal action.

I appreciate how you have handled this Mayor Wiersum. Please continue to trust the community to make the choices based on health issues and personal struggles.

Regards,

Terry Haggar
Crestwood Dr - Glen Lake



Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Mask Ordinance Discussion

From: Tim Oberg [REDACTED]

Date: July 13, 2020 at 12:51:31 PM CDT

To: Susan Carter <scarter@minnetonkamn.gov>, Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>, Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>, Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: Mask Ordinance Discussion

Reply-To: Tim Oberg [REDACTED]

Mayor Wiersum
Councilmember Kirk
Councilmember Carter
Councilmember Calvert

I just heard about the plan to consider face mask options at tonight's council meeting. I can imagine this issue has been a hot topic and you are receiving much input regarding people's opinions. Thanks for your listening ear and careful consideration of the issues at hand.

We support Options 1 or 2 because it provides **encouragement** to citizens and business owners to provide or require masks based on their individual situations or businesses and maintains their freedom to make their best informed choice.

We encourage you to reject any mask mandates or ordinances forcing the wearing of a mask.

In this June 12th video from epidemiologist Michael Osterholm https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR13oGYHWjaMifvNtiv_oH0qUEJ-H21FxVFYPnK8Irvot6kK6xBiAdnzmSA&v=3CglBhn0znM&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop he discusses the supposed effectiveness, or lack thereof, of wearing the cloth or surgical masks we are seeing everywhere. He notes that for those with compromised immune systems or those with symptoms, the N95 filter mask is the only effective filter that truly reduces infective particles. People handling, donning and doffing their cloth masks numerous times daily only serves to spread more contamination from their hands and faces and creates a false sense of security. If people feel better wearing all the ill-fitting cloth masks, that's fine. Let them wear them. But this kind of emotional response should not become the basis of a law or ordinance, and shouldn't be forced on the citizens of Minnetonka.

Dr. Osterholm also noted that the highest incidence of mask wearing as a social and cultural event took place in the Hubei Province of China last November and December with the virus raging there, and with all those wearing masks publicly, Dr. Osterholm said it really made no difference in the spread of Covid-19. (5:40 in video).

Let's trust the science involved on this issue, and not create mandates based on just the emotional responses of a portion of citizens.

If we have to err, it's always better to err on the side of freedom. **We urge you to reject a mask mandate as in Option 3.** Keep Minnetonka free.

Thank you for your time, and for your work on behalf of our beautiful city.

Tim & Vivi Oberg
12816 Lake St. Extension
[REDACTED]

From: [Tina Johnson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: mandatory face masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:54:15 AM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2020-07-13 at 10.50.22 AM.png](#)

I'm writing to respectfully request that Minnetonka does not create a mandatory mask policy. Especially given the most recent opinions of the WHO and NEJM saying they don't offer protection to the general public unless properly used indoors. There is no scientifically based rationale according to the NEJM to wear one outdoors.

Given that the majority of public are currently wearing masks that are not effective because they are either worn incorrectly, are of inadequate material, or insufficient layers, mandating masks will not accomplish the desired result of making people safer.

Renowned neurosurgeon, Russell Blaylock, MD's comments:

The Pandemic of Bad Science and Public Health Misinformation on Community Wearing of Masks

Renowned neurosurgeon, Russell Blaylock, MD had this to say about the science of masks:

As for the scientific support for the use of face masks, a recent careful examination of the literature, in which 17 of the best studies were analyzed, concluded that, "None of the studies established a conclusive relationship between mask/respirator use and protection against influenza infection." [R] Keep in mind, no studies have been done to demonstrate that either a cloth mask or the N95 mask has any effect on transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Any recommendations, therefore, have to be based on studies of influenza virus transmission. The fact is, there is no conclusive evidence of their efficiency in controlling flu virus transmission. - Russell Blaylock, MD

You can read Dr. Blaylock's brilliant discussion of this matter at the end of this paper or at this link:

[Blaylock: Face Masks Pose Serious Risks to the Healthy](#)

Working out in a gym and wearing a face mask is not acceptable and can actually have worse repercussions causing respiratory challenges.

Decisions about my health should be between my doctor and myself and are not decisions I want made by the city.

Please make this decision based on reason, science and law rather than fear and limited information.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Tina Johnson

[REDACTED]

Address: 14262 Trace Ridge Road, Minnetonka 55391

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Consider this when discussing requiring citizen putting on masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:49:25 AM

We stand at about 138,000 coronavirus deaths in the U.S. today.

If the average airliner carries 175 people that's 788 jet aircraft.

In the 180 days since the start we will have had the equivalent 4 jet aircraft crashing somewhere in the U.S. everyday with your families and friends on them.

4 airliners crashing everyday in the U.S. for the last 6 months.

Tom
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Strongly in favor of Option 3 requiring masks in certain situations
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:06:39 AM

The new normal in my opinion, pretty simple, well almost

I think the vaccine when it comes (if it comes) will not be until next year sometime and then will have 2 factors against it no matter what, 1) % effectiveness 2) how many people will actually get the vaccine. So, in ether case it will help somewhat but not the silver bullet. Treatment will likely be a more plausible effort for those infected and who knows when that will be.

I think the most effective course of action will be when an effective, low cost, self test device/strips or something like that is on the market. Watch how you live, 1)physical distance, 2)masks and 3)testing. When meeting someone not in your physical sphere such as non household family members, friends, anyone who is close - everyone tests themselves and if ok carryon. The new normal.

Cities/state - require mask wearing inside and in close proximity to others where physical distancing is not possible outside.

Tom
[REDACTED]

From: [Vicki Hans](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:02:00 PM

I don't believe that the city councils of any city has the right to force people to wear a mask for something that is no longer considered a pandemic or has less deaths than we've seen every year from the flu.

As far as I'm concerned the only reason that cities are forcing this issue is to shut down the economy again and prove to everyone how poorly a job President Trump has done. We are not a Socialist country and the cities have no right according to the Constitution to force people to do this.

I for one will never wear a mask for any reason that I think is a bunch of bullsh**. If people feel they need to wear one, more power to them, but for me personally I will not and if my company I work for says I have to, I will be leaving that job. I will definitely be thinking seriously about moving from not only Minnetonka but from Minnesota since no one in power here seems to think beyond trying to stay in power as a Democrat and not to what the Constitution says about what the people's rights are.

I'm pretty sure that the council will pass this because God forbid they go against their overlords, the Democratic Party, even if they get more people who don't want to obey this crap. Just so you know that I am not the only one thinking of escaping this city and state because of the government over reach. Start paying attention to the people who elected you and stop being sheep.

Vicki Hans
10441 Greenbrier Road
Not only am I mad, I'm pissed!

I took the path least traveled and now I'm lost!

From: [Victoria Harris](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Encouraging vs. requiring face masks decision - Meeting July 13, 2020
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 4:40:29 PM

As a resident of Minnetonka, I would like to communicate to the Minnetonka City Council my thoughts:

From a science perspective, the responsible decision is obvious:

- Covid-19 is a new, highly contagious disease against which we have no defense. And it is airborne. That means aerosols can hang in the air for hours in enclosed spaces with the potential to infect people. All experts recommend face masks. If Minnesota does not want to go where Texas and Florida are, then preventive action is required. Winter is coming and people will be moving indoors and this will exacerbate the problem.
- A new model from the “Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation” predicts Minnesota will average around 330 new cases of COVID-19 each day this fall. However, if wearing masks becomes **more universal**, the model predicts only around 50 new cases each day.
- “Encouraging” has not worked as many people are out and about without masks and no concern. And we need a high majority with masks. Businesses are uneasy about asking customers to wear masks, and I see people go in stores ignoring the mask sign on the door. Does anyone seriously think that encouraging people (vs. mandating) to not speed or not smoke in public spaces, or wear a seat belt would actually work??? Why masks then?

From a political perspective, I ask how is this even up for discussion? The rest of the world is wearing masks! We have an enormous health crisis that is impacting the lives of everyone. How we chose to deal with it directly impacts how much pain we will know. A mask is a small inconvenience with a great payback. It protects lives and jobs, and keeps our healthcare system from being overwhelmed. And no one has the right to endanger the life of another. “The right to **swing my fist ends** where the other man's **nose begins.**” - Oliver Wendell Holmes

I am a senior citizen, one of the “vulnerable”. I must go out for groceries, to get gas etc. otherwise I live like a hermit. It is hard. I take every precaution, but know that risk cannot be completely eliminated. And I know that I have many months to go before there is relief. When I see some irrational

individuals protesting about their “rights” to not wear a mask, I am furious. This is a public health issue, and they are irresponsible individuals who impose their tyranny on me. I would like to have my “freedom of movement” back. What about my right to be safe?

Minnetonka is a small place in the big picture – but every voice counts in such a big crisis. PLEASE MANDATE MASKS.

Victoria Harris

From: [Vyto A Lazauskas](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Option 3 preferred
Date: Sunday, July 12, 2020 7:45:50 PM

Hello,

My wife and I vote for option 3 - requiring all to wear masks while indoors or 6 feet of another. We both work at larger retailers and it is discouraging to see the increasing number of people shopping while not wearing masks. The department I (Vyto) work in is so crowded that there isn't a way for me to avoid coming into close range with an unmasked shopper. Requiring shoppers to wear masks would provide a greater level of safety and "comfort".

Thank you for allowing us to comment.

Vyto & Kelly Lazauskas
15100 Highland Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Kyle Salage

Subject: FW: Facemask Input Please

From: Jessie Jacobson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Cc: Kyle Salage; Luke Jacobson; Brad Wiersum
Subject: RE: Facemask Input Please

Hi Bradley,

Thank you for reaching out.

As residents and business owners in the City of Minnetonka, we are in favor of a city wide face covering requirement.

Our employees have been wearing masks every day at work since April 5, 2020 and we have required customers to wear masks since we were allowed to re-open on April 18, 2020. Most customers are extremely grateful for the care we have take in crafting our shopping guidelines (link below). Many also take great comfort in ordering from our online store for contactless curbside pick-up service

<https://tonkadale.com/updates/>

Current Updates Regarding COVID-19

tonkadale.com

Minnetonka's favorite family-owned garden center and plant nursery, Tonkadale Greenhouse in Minnetonka has acres of indoor plants, annuals, perennials, flowers, herbs, vegetables, home decor, and more.

We also support the requirement that customers have their face covering on before they enter the business and are able to take them off when they exit the business. I don't think their should be leniency while in the establishment if 6 feet of social distance is available. When people take their masks on and off, they touch their faces further increasing the risk of spreading virus while shopping.

Our business is unique because we have a very large indoor space as well as an outdoor space. Our requirement is that customers wear face coverings at all times – both inside and outdoors.

With this requirement, we believe it is also important to note that private businesses may decide adopt stricter face covering guidelines and other safety guidelines as they evaluate the safety measures they need to have in place.

Our employees are in support of face coverings and I believe they would not be as productive or comfortable at work if they felt like their employer was not very considerate and respectful of their health and safety. They serve hundreds of

customers each day with compassion, knowledge and enthusiasm. I am very proud of the work they do, especially under extraordinary circumstances.

As residents and business owners in the city of Minnetonka, we do not support the recommendation that businesses bear the responsibility of requiring face coverings in their establishments.

It has been extremely stressful to mandate masks in our establishment even though we agree it is the right thing to do for our community, our staff, our customers and the future of our business. At times, we have also been met with extreme pushback, rageful outbursts, mistreatment of our employees, hate speech, a series of 1-star Google and Facebook reviews. I have on two occasions called the Minnetonka police because I was fearful a situation might escalate and become violent.

Jessie & Luke Jacobson
4694 Woodridge Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Ashley Bennett Ewald](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Comment on mask wearing
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:53:26 PM

Hi,

I've lived in Minnetonka for seven years now. I beg you to adopt a mandatory mask ordinance. I'm just a few months pregnant, and it is dangerous and stressful for me or my husband to shop in Minnetonka without other shoppers wearing masks. If Minnetonka does not order mask wearing, we will be doing our shopping in other nearby cities that do require mask wearing. When you are considering the personal liberties argument, please remember that wearing a mask is a small way to protect our most vulnerable citizens like my unborn child and me, along with the many elderly residents of Minnetonka, and others who are at high risk of complications with the virus. Of course, it also helps our entire population, including healthy residents who also may get very ill and die from the virus, as well as our heroic health care and essential workers.

Thanks for considering this urgently needed ordinance and my comments.

Kind regards,


Ashley Bennett Ewald
5212 Williston Rd.
Minnetonka 55345

From: [Christine Poston](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask Requirement
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:30:50 PM

Hi! I may be too late but wanted to let you know I fully support requiring masks and in fact encourage the requirement. There are still several people not masking which is not supportive to our community. We do this for others safety and as a critical care nurse I would like people to think of others including essential workers who take care of those that get very sick with covid, risking bringing it home to our families!! People need to practice safety and a requirement is necessary to do that due to the fact that not everyone is on board! Public safety is at risk.

Thanks you and I hope it will soon be a requirement in Minnetonka!!

Christine Poston


18201 Hermitage Way, MTKA

From: [Dis McDevitt](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks 2
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:26:11 PM

Dismas McDevitt

I suffer from extreme anxiety and will be holding the city liable for any/all harassments and discrimination that I will now face due to this new ordinance. I really wish you would have addressed this issue more clearly because unlike most disabilities mine is not easily acknowledged by others and the in suing confrontations can cause me EXTREME anxiety that I will now be forced to deal with on a daily basis. Thank you for taking away what little freedom I had left, I generally do not drive more than 30 minutes from my house in the last 16 years and have a very difficult time entering new buildings

From: [Dis McDevitt](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:07:34 PM

Dismas McDevitt
5205 Crestwood Drive

I am very disappointed that even with the wonderful numbers we have you are forcing an extreme action on all of your citizens based on fear. The evidence clearly shows that there is no need for mass mask mandates, Wisconsin's numbers are lower than ours even though they have minimal restrictions. I will note this decision in future elections. Once again very disappointed

From: [Drake Lorence](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:37:35 PM

Option 1

Unless the whole STATE does it, masks will not work, since Non-mask people from adjacent cities can drive into our area. There will not be compliance. I think the city council has delusions of grandeur. Too small of an area. Contact the Governor. People will just drive to Plymouth, etc. to shop. This policy will be ineffective.

Drake Lorence
13555 Essex Place
Minnetonka, Mn 55305

From: [Jen Kable](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandate input
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:44:44 PM

Please strongly consider continuing with Option 1 (don't require mask use).

Masks provide a false sense of security and promote an increase in touching one's face. This is not necessarily a safer option and research is still inconclusive. The citizens of Minnetonka should be allowed to make the best decisions for themselves as to how they want to stay safe.

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/data-do-not-back-cloth-masks-limit-covid-19-experts-say>

<https://kdkradio.radio.com/articles/radiocom/dr-osterholm-questions-covid-19-guidelines-on-cloth-masks>

"While many people are going out in public with cloth masks, Osterholm says the perceived protection they offer just isn't there. "

"Cloth masks, I think are at the very bottom of the list. They have little impact if any. But they've become basically something that people feel like they have to do or want to do it. If they want to do it, go ahead."

Thank you in advance for considering that mask data is still inconclusive and potentially risky as you make this decision.

Regards,

Jennifer Kable

5819 Oakview Circle

Minnetonka

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era | NEJM
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:09:37 AM

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006372>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Can asymptomatic carriers transmit group A Streptococcus (GAS)?
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:09:58 AM

<https://www.medscape.com/answers/228936-15629/can-asymptomatic-carriers-transmit-group-a-streptococcus-gas>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: PCR testing inventor speaks to WGN amid COVID-19 pandemic | WGN-TV
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:10:07 AM

<https://wgntv.com/news/coronavirus/pcr-testing-inventor-speaks-to-wgn-amid-covid-19-pandemic/amp/>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: COMMENTARY: Masks-for-all for COVID-19 not based on sound data | CIDRAP
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:10:13 AM

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Plague of Corruption Part 1 – Episode 16: Dr. Judy A. Mikovits | Ann Louise Gittleman
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:10:35 AM

<https://annlouise.com/podcasts/plague-of-corruption-episode-16-dr-judy-a-mikovits/>

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re masks
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:12:05 AM

https://youtu.be/TgDm_maAglM

From: [Kara Bancroft](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Residents in full support of face mask Option 3
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:17:34 PM

Dear Minnetonka City Council,

We are writing to you to express our support for **Option 3:** Adopt a citywide ordinance to require face masks indoors or within six feet of others in your upcoming discussions/decision on face masks in the city of Minnetonka. Unfortunately, the mask protects those around the person wearing the mask much more than the person wearing the mask if others aren't wearing masks. Therefore, our health and safety while in Minnetonka is dependent on the actions of others as much if not more than the choices we make. Unfortunately, we have seen many seniors who have entered Minnetonka stores wearing masks, but shared the store with others who did not chose to wear masks. We must do more to protect all residents, but especially those who are more vulnerable to the effects of COVID. We must do more to make sure that our most vulnerable populations can more safely navigate life in Minnetonka during these times.

In addition, we strongly believe in supporting our local businesses, but have felt at risk while visiting some due to other shoppers and workers not wearing masks. Despite the science backing the wearing of face masks, it seems to have turned into a political decision for many. I fear that this puts business owners in a difficult position, not wanting to alienate their customers by taking a stance in either direction. It is times like these that not only the citizens, but also the businesses rely on a strong position from our city government to help keep all of Minnetonka's residents safe. The city needs to be the "bad guy" so that our businesses don't have to alienate customers.

Finally, I ask you to use science and a strong value of all human life to guide your decision on this. As much as stopping at the stop light when no one is coming annoys me, I know that stoplight is there to protect the safety of all. A mask is certainly not fun to wear, but given the current information about how effective it can be at slowing/stopping the spread of a disease which people may not even know they have given the asymptomatic cases and high rate of transmission before symptoms occur, masks seem like a minor annoyance that could save countless lives right here in Minnetonka.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kara Bancroft and Brian Weitz
15849 Woodgate Road N
Minnetonka, MN 55345

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Kimberly Gedan](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:45:50 AM

Hello,

I am a resident of Minnetonka and have been for almost 20 years. Please establish and enforce a mandatory face mask ordinance for our city. This is about public safety and public health.

Thank you,

From: [Kimm Kraai](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: City Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:15:48 PM

Please issue a mandatory city wide mask mandate.

It is the most effective measure we have to curb the transmission of COVID-19 in our community. People's lives depend on effective community infection control.

Thank you
Kimm Kraai
Minnetonka

From: [Mark Karstens](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask wearing in Minnetonka
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:19:24 PM

Mark Karstens
5123 St Marys Pl, Minnetonka, MN 55345

I support option 3. Wearing a mask is a simple way to help slow transmission of this virus.

From: [Martha Morris](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Masks in ...
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:52:05 PM

I live in a condominium in Minnetonka. No one here, except my husband and me, wear masks in common areas. They are suggested but not required. People travel to their cabins, have grandchildren visit, visit each other without masks. We share elevators, mailboxes, hallways etc. Is it possible to mandate condo owners or apartment tenants to use masks?

Martha Morris
3000 St Albans Mill Rd, Hopkins, MN 55305


From: [Mary K. Twite](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: face covering comment
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:59:16 PM

Requiring face coverings indoors when in public facilities and businesses would be wonderful, in my estimation, as people would then know what to prepare themselves for and what to expect from others. Although I am not in a high risk age group, my asthma puts me at increased risk if I contract Covid-19, so rather than attempt to do business in Minnetonka in general, I go only to the few stores I know which are requiring masks.

Mary Twite
2010 Lancaster St
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: [Megan Shaughnessy](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: articles to support face mask use
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:47:55 PM

Hello

I am calling in to the meeting, but wanted to provide these links to scientific articles as well. Feel free to disperse as appropriate.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)31142-9/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)31142-9/fulltext)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2468042720300117>

<http://ftp.iza.org/dp13319.pdf>

Thank you
Megan

From: [Nicholas Murphy](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: mask mandate meeting
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:42:43 PM

To whom it may concern,

No matter what ordinance you pass, a mask order contradicts state law. State of emergency is no exemption. You will open up the city to several lawsuits if you try to enforce this order. The police will not enforce this order as it is lawless. Businesses and other indoor facilities would be in violation of state law to force people to wear a mask. It is pointless possibly costly to the city and it's residents to propose a mask order.

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/609.735?
fbclid=IwAR0CyZyyCQOk_Kc2Xy8wCjYsKwF4QrrElgw23-CeYMDX3rxSAkfiSFAmZyA](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/609.735?fbclid=IwAR0CyZyyCQOk_Kc2Xy8wCjYsKwF4QrrElgw23-CeYMDX3rxSAkfiSFAmZyA)

-Nick

From: [Patrice Wehner](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:11:59 PM

I prefer Option 1 or 2. People are generally sensible about masks, and those who aren't won't wear them anyway. This way people can feel like they have more control over their lives.

Thank you,
Patrice Wehner
5030 Baker Rd., Mtka.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Mask mandate
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 9:08:13 PM

Do not pass a mandate. My son has had asthma attacks trying to wear a mask. He has had to quit work. People will begin to call police or try to enforce this mandate themselves by calling out people on social media.

Renee Holm
4316 Blenheim Circle
Minnetonka, MN. 55345

From: [Sandy Resig](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Re: Masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:20:39 PM

We need masks in all public spaces to stay safe.

Sanford Resig
4816 Lamplighters lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: [Sherry Cooper](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:01:23 PM

Please pass an ordinance tonight requiring face masks in all public places in Minnetonka.

Sherry Cooper
12700 Sherwood Place #107
Mtna. 55305

Thank you.

From: [Susie Nelson](#)
To: [Kyle Salage](#)
Subject: Face masks
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020 8:25:09 PM

Susie Nelson
16101 Kensington Court
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Please do NOT mandate face masks. Our numbers as a community are really quite good and this is not necessary. As a pregnant woman with anemia, wearing a mask is very difficult for me; I'd either have to stay home constantly or explain to every business my medical situation. I do wear masks when I have no choice (like to doctor appointments) but the option to go places that don't mandate masks is very important to me. Why don't we just let businesses decide for themselves instead of making an unnecessary law for the entire city? This mandate would be an overreach.